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670 DEAD IN TEXAS SCHOOL HORROR

New York, To-day.
Death-roll in the Tyler school explosion disaster which has struck horror throughout the nation, is likely to total more than 650 children and possibly twenty teachers.

The heartrending task of recovering the bodies of the little victims is proceeding in an atmosphere almost of frenzy.

Three hundred scarred and torn bodies have now been removed from the wreckage of the building.

The Governor of Texas has ordered the National Guard to take charge of the situation, owing to the shock and excitement caused in the community stricken by the catastrophe, (the earlier grim details of which will be found in Page Twenty-Four).

The principal of the school, which is actually situated at New London, some fifteen miles from Tyler, Texas, estimates that 670 children and teachers were killed.

Martial Law

Martial law has been proclaimed. Doubts are now expressed whether the disaster was due to a boiler explosion. Some are now suggesting that the tragedy was due to the explosion of a pipeline carrying petrol from the nearby oilfield.—Reuter.

"MILD STATE" OF SIEGE

Jerusalem, To-day.

Owing to numerous acts of terrorism throughout Palestine, the authorities have placed Jerusalem and its vicinity in what is called a "mild state of siege."

This requires that inhabitants remain indoors from 7 o'clock at night to 5 o'clock the next morning.

Those found on the streets between these times without a permit will be placed under arrest.

This state will continue until further notice.—Trans-Ocean.

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Fierce Fighting In New Territories

Nine Destroyers "Sunk" In Attack On Lyeemun

NINE DESTROYERS WERE "SUNK" IN LYEEMUN PASS LAST NIGHT IN A NAVAL ATTACK IN LARGE FORCE UPON THE COLONY'S EASTERN DEFENCES, AS PART OF THE WAR MANOEUVRES IN WHICH THE "FIGHTING" IS PROCEEDING ON AN EVER-INCREASING SCALE.

ANXIETIES HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT RELIEVED BY NORTHLAND'S DECLARATION OF NEUTRALITY, WHICH ELIMINATES THE FEAR OF A CROSS-BORDER ONSLAUGHT.

In unpleasant weather conditions, Blueand last night forced a landing on three beaches in the New Territories, are consolidating their positions, with a heavy engagement now in progress.

The official communique states:—

At mid-day yesterday, Northland declared her benevolent neutrality with Redland and guaranteed that no Blueand troops would be permitted to use Northland territory. It was also officially declared by Northland that the report of landing by air of Blueand troops in Northland territory was false.

HEAVY LOSSES

Last night, Blueand again attacked the Colony at various points. The Eastern entrance was attacked early during the night, landings being effected at Saiwan Bay and at Devil's Peak. Blue destroyers taking part in this operation laid a smoke screen, but anti-aircraft searchlights illuminated these ships over the screen and gave Devil's Peak Battery an easy shoot-in this and during a later destroyer attack on the Eastern entrance defences nine destroyers were sunk in Lyeemun Pass.

These two landings were easily repulsed with great loss to Blueand.

LANDING IN STRENGTH

At about mid-night a landing in strength was carried out by Blueand on three beaches along Castle Peak Reach. Considerable casualties to boats and personnel were inflicted on Blueand, owing to good timely information of approach being received by Fortress Headquarters, from gunboats and Naval patrols, and Coast Watchers.

In spite of casualties, however, Blueand covering force gained a firm footing on shore and now hold a line some one and a half miles in depth on a front of three miles. It is expected that this covering force will be reinforced to-night. Any advance of Blueand troops Eastward on Kowloon is being pre-

vented by the 2nd Battalion. The Royal Welch Fusiliers and the 1st Battalion Kumaon Rifles.

After the Commander (Mainland) has had time to make his plan it is hoped that this covering force will be thrown back into the sea before reinforcements arrive. At present (2.00 p.m.) fierce fighting is taking place.

AIR RAIDERS BROUGHT DOWN

Air activity was considerably reduced owing to bad visibility. Blueand aircraft have carried out several low flying attacks on vital points of the Colony—little damage is reported, on the other hand three Blueand aircraft have crashed in flames in the harbour.

Red morale remains high—cooperation between Regulars and Volunteers both Naval and Mil-

PARIS TENSION

NUMBER OF MINOR CLASHES

Paris, To-day.

Although a number of clashes were reported from various parts of Paris as a result of the six-hour general strike yesterday, nothing of a serious nature occurred.

In several factories, however, the six-hour strike, scheduled to end at noon, was continued in the afternoon.

In both the Renault and Citroen motor factories, workers failed to put in an appearance after lunch, and similar conditions prevailed in an aeroplane factory.

Transport workers employed by a tobacco warehouse also refused to return to work, demanding a rise in wages.—Trans-Ocean.

tary is increasing in efficiency hourly, with experience gained by active service. The epidemic amongst the Volunteers is abating and it is anticipated that by tomorrow evening the full strength of the Volunteers both Naval and Military will be deployed.

Voluntary enrolment and enlistment continues satisfactory. The measures put into force by the Air Raids Precautions Committee are working smoothly and efficiently.

The Police Coast Watching Posts continue to be of the greatest assistance to the Fortress Intelligence Service.

The general situation is that all Red troops are definitely committed and that no cross-harbour transfer of troops is anticipated.

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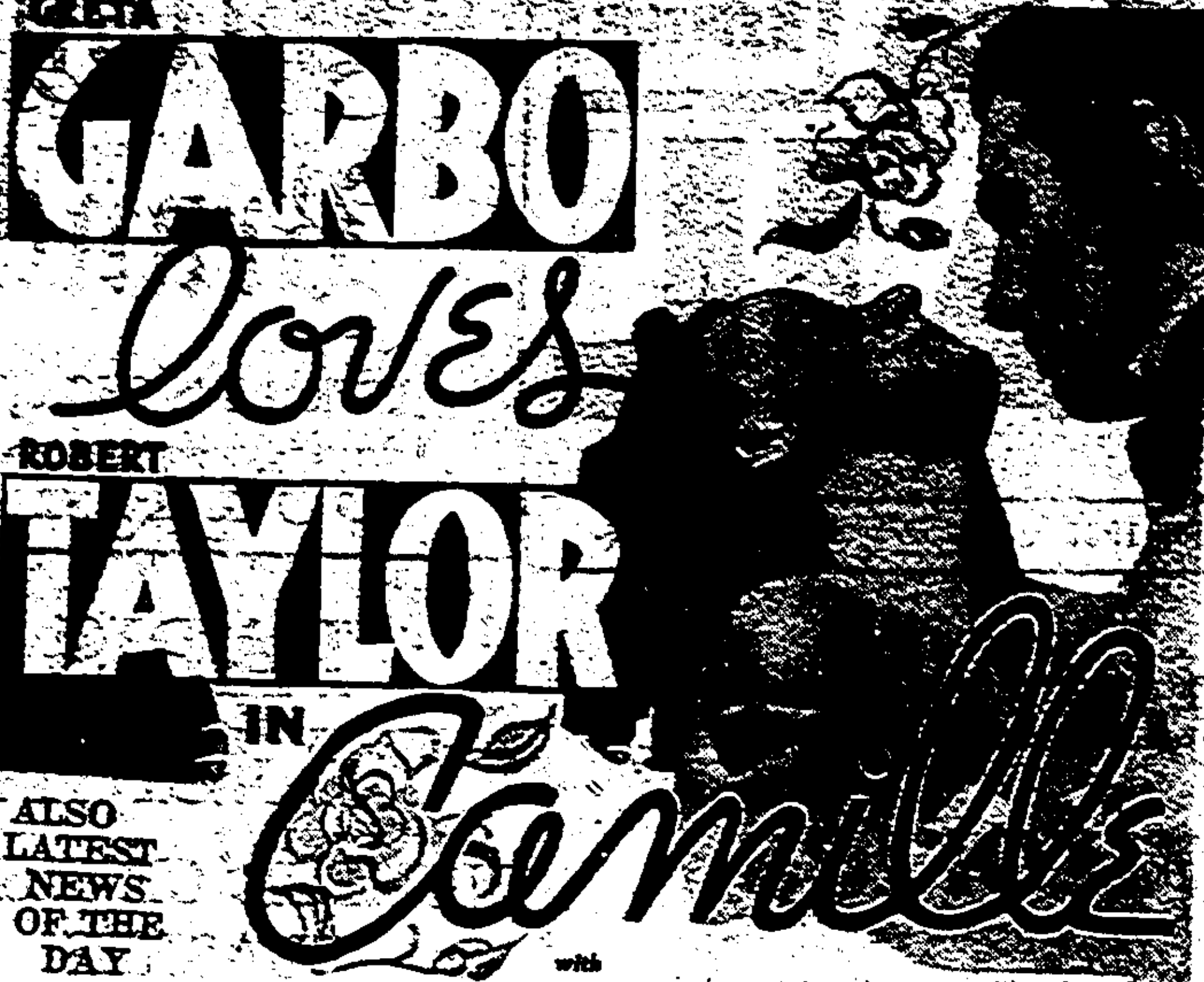
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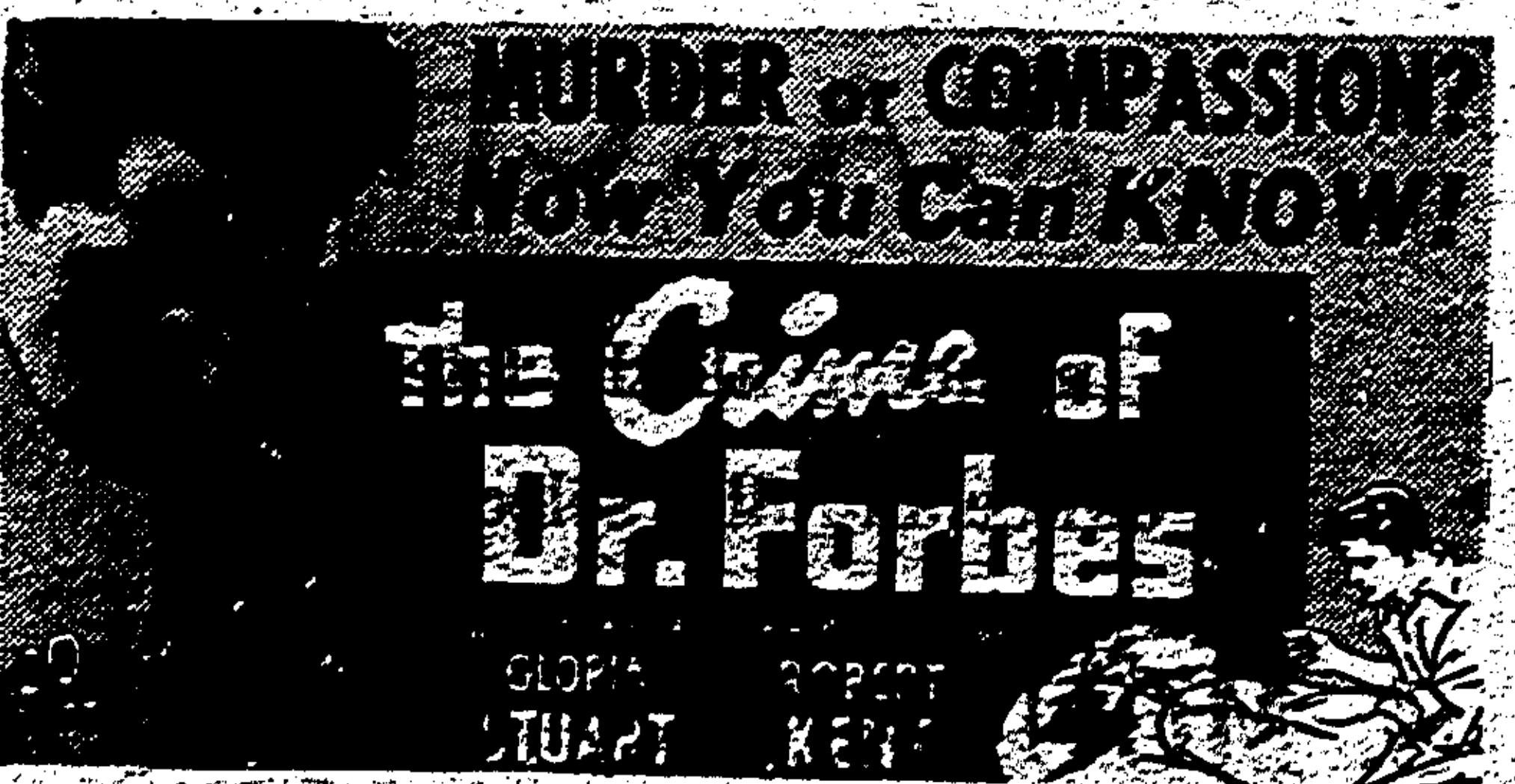
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ITALY'S IMPERIALISTIC DESIGNS ADMITTED BY MUSSOLINI

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tripoli, Yesterday.

Signor Mussolini's visit to Libya reached its climax yesterday when he opened the International Tripolitan Fair amid celebrations of an unprecedented nature.

AFTER THE DUCE'S TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO THE TOWN ON A WHITE HORSE AT THE HEAD OF A NATIVE LEGION OF CAVALRY, HE UNVEILED A GIGANTIC STATUE OF JULIUS CAESAR WHILE A SQUADRON OF ITALIAN MILITARY PLANES FLEW IN FORMATION OVERHEAD.

Following a visit to the Fair, the Duce delivered a speech to a huge crowd of thousands of natives who had come a hundred miles or more across the desert for the occasion.

He reminded his hearers of the progress that had been made in Libya since his last visit eleven years ago.

ITALY'S IMPERIALISM

He declared that under the protection of the Italian tricolour the colonists, as well as the Arabic population, would be able to continue their peaceful endeavours "with the assurance that their customs, traditions and religion would be respected."

Far from denying Italy's imperial designs, he admitted them and declared that his journey signified Italy's determination to maintain and develop her Empire, this being in keeping with the spirit which dominates all "masculine" peoples.

PEACE AND CONFIDENCE

Turning to the foreign press, which he declared had utilised his tour as grounds for agitation, Signor Mussolini declared that stories of an intentional alarmist nature had been circulated and would only result in destroying confidence and peace between the peoples.

He concluded with the assertion that Italy desires to live at peace and in co-operation with all nations whose actions were inspired by similar ideals.—Trans-Ocean.

CHARGES AGAINST PREMIER

Belgian Politics

Brussels, To-day.

After having refuted a charge that he had continued to draw a salary as Vice-Governor of the Belgian National Bank after having taken the post of Prime Minister, the Premier, M. Paul van Zeeland, received a vote of confidence in the Chamber yesterday by 120 votes to 13.

The accusation had been made by a National Flemish deputy in the course of a debate.—Trans-Ocean.

Miss Mary Pickford is in England for a holiday and returns to America in May.

Three airmen were killed and another seriously injured when an Italian military airplane crashed into the sea at the Misaki air base.

Dr. Kossitch, Secretary-General of Mr. Matichuk's Croat peasant party, who has been in exile for seven years, left Vienna to return to Yugoslavia.

SOVIET-JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS

Moscow, To-day.

Establishment of a demilitarized zone along the Korean-Manchurian frontier was discussed in detail by the Foreign Commissar, M. Maxim Litvinov, and the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Shigenitsu, yesterday, says an official announcement.

The question of fishing rights in Arctic waters was also discussed.—Trans-Ocean.

YUGO-SLAVIA AND ITALY

Belgrade, To-day.

A fundamental change in the relations between Yugoslavia and Italy has taken place during the past three months, declares the organ of the Government party. Relations between the two countries, the journal asserts, are those of good-neighbours.

The paper credits this improvement to the programme of reconciliation which the Government has pursued in its internal and foreign policy.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW CUNARD

To Be Called "Queen Elizabeth?"

London, To-day.

The sister ship of the giant Cunard-White Star liner "Queen Mary," recently laid down, is to be called "Queen Elizabeth" after the present Queen.

The "Queen Elizabeth" will have a displacement of 90,000 tons and will be the largest and fastest ship in the world.—Trans-Ocean.

Preliminary work on the reclaiming of a further 750,000 acres of the Zuider Sea starts at the end of the month.

A new high-speed, all-metal, twin-engine biplane, capable of carrying six persons and equipped with blind-flying apparatus, is undergoing tests at Ochtersloot, near Wageningen, Germany.

Prince August Wilhelm, the second son of the ex-Kaiser, who holds a high rank in the Nazi Storm Troopers, who celebrated his 50th birthday recently, received a telegram of congratulation from Hitler.

THE WORLD GOES BY

I PROMISED last week that I would provide, in this column, a running commentary, as it were, on the war games, manoeuvres and what have you now in progress somewhere in the New Territories and the China Seas.

Unfortunately all my little chats on spies in the Colony have forewarned the military and naval authorities, who have been keeping a very tight watch on suspicious figures in the neighbourhood ever since the fun started on Monday.

Every one of my agents has been dogged by the counter-espionage department, the C.I.D., the P.W.D., the D.S.O. and the opposition newspapers.

The result has been the minimum of information. Only a few much mutilated and censored despatches have got through to the China Mail office.

Even La Carioca, my pet spy, has met with little or no success. True, she succeeded in worming herself onto one of the attacking cruisers, where she has been provided with a cabin and bath (h and c) but she spends most of her time, I hear, petting in the Wardroom and Gun-room with the officers and middies.

This, I think, is going too far, though she says she can't get anyone to go any further. They are all paying too much attention to the war games to have any time to spare for any other sort of games.

My other prize spy, Dr. Bughaus (Devil Take Him) of Pogramitch-naya, went to sleep in an aeroplane at Kai Tak and is still there, for all I know, since the machine is not in use at present.

Sixteen other spies in my employ were arrested in various parts of the Territories. Some have been shot, others were shot when caught (in the Hunter's Arms) and yet others have been absorbed in the British Secret Service.

Fortunately I have been able to obtain the services of several other agents, who were hanging around Hong Kong out of work and looking for something to do.

One of them is a particularly bright lad. He says he saw an aeroplane over the harbour yesterday. I believe this information to be absolutely reliable, straight from the horse's mouth and a sure thing.

It confirms earlier reports that Stonecutter's Island has been bombed.

I am informed on good authority that the civilian population have shown no signs of panic under repeated air raids and other alarms and excursions.

Not only have the banks been firm but also cabarets, bars and other places where they drink.

This is greatly to the credit of the populace of Hong Kong and shows that that old steadfast Empire-building spirit is not yet dead.

I understand that the Hong Kong Government is protesting to Geneva over the bombing by Blue-land of the civilian population, and that an extraordinary session of the League Council has been convened to deal with the question.

Another protest, it is learned, has also been lodged with Geneva against the bombing of the officer's mess on Stonecutters and headquarters at 7/6d. HIL.

Spring In Cheungchau

Cheung Chau.—We were glad to welcome back to the Island Mrs. A. C. Franklin after her trip to Australia and New Zealand on a visit to her son and his family and friends. She returned by the S. S. Neptuna and had a pleasant voyage back.

The main street of the village is being rapidly re-constructed, and bright shops and residences replace the ancient buildings destroyed by the fire. Also the street is being widened.

The gardens and fruit trees are beginning to blossom and bud and the weather is mild and pleasant. The Harbour Mission Chapel Junk is anchored here on the annual visit, which lasts as a rule about six weeks.

Further improvements have been made to the hill roads.—From Our Own Correspondent.

Diplomatic Tours In China

London, To-day.

Every effort is being made to allow visits by British diplomatic and commercial officers in China to the chief hinterland cities with the object of stimulating British trade, but the number and scope of their visits must be limited by the exigencies of the Service as a whole.

So declared Captain Euan Wallace, Secretary for Overseas Trade, in reply to a question by Mr. Louis Smith, Conservative Member for Hallam, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Captain Wallace added that during 1935 and 1936 visits were made by these officers to various places in China, and they would be continued as far as possible in the future.—Reuter.

CROYDON AIRPORT DANGER

London, To-day.

The "Daily Telegraph" learns that the chief director of Imperial Airways has suggested the removal of Britain's largest civil aerodrome at Croydon to a spot less vulnerable to air raids.

The Air Ministry, the paper adds, is apparently unwilling to sanction the proposal.—Trans-Ocean.

Neutrality Bill Passed

Washington, To-day.

The House of Representatives yesterday passed the McReynolds Neutrality Bill.—Reuter.

It is felt that this is a contravention of Articles I to XVI of the League Covenant, the Locarno Pact, the proposed Western Pact and the Washington Naval Treaty.

In addition it is a brutal disregard of the rights and privileges of Brass Hats in wartime.

It is recalled by some that during the first World War it was said the German air force had explicit orders not to bomb British H. Q. The latter, so the wags have it, were of far too much value to the enemy to be destroyed. It is hoped that the invading Blue-landers will bear this in mind.

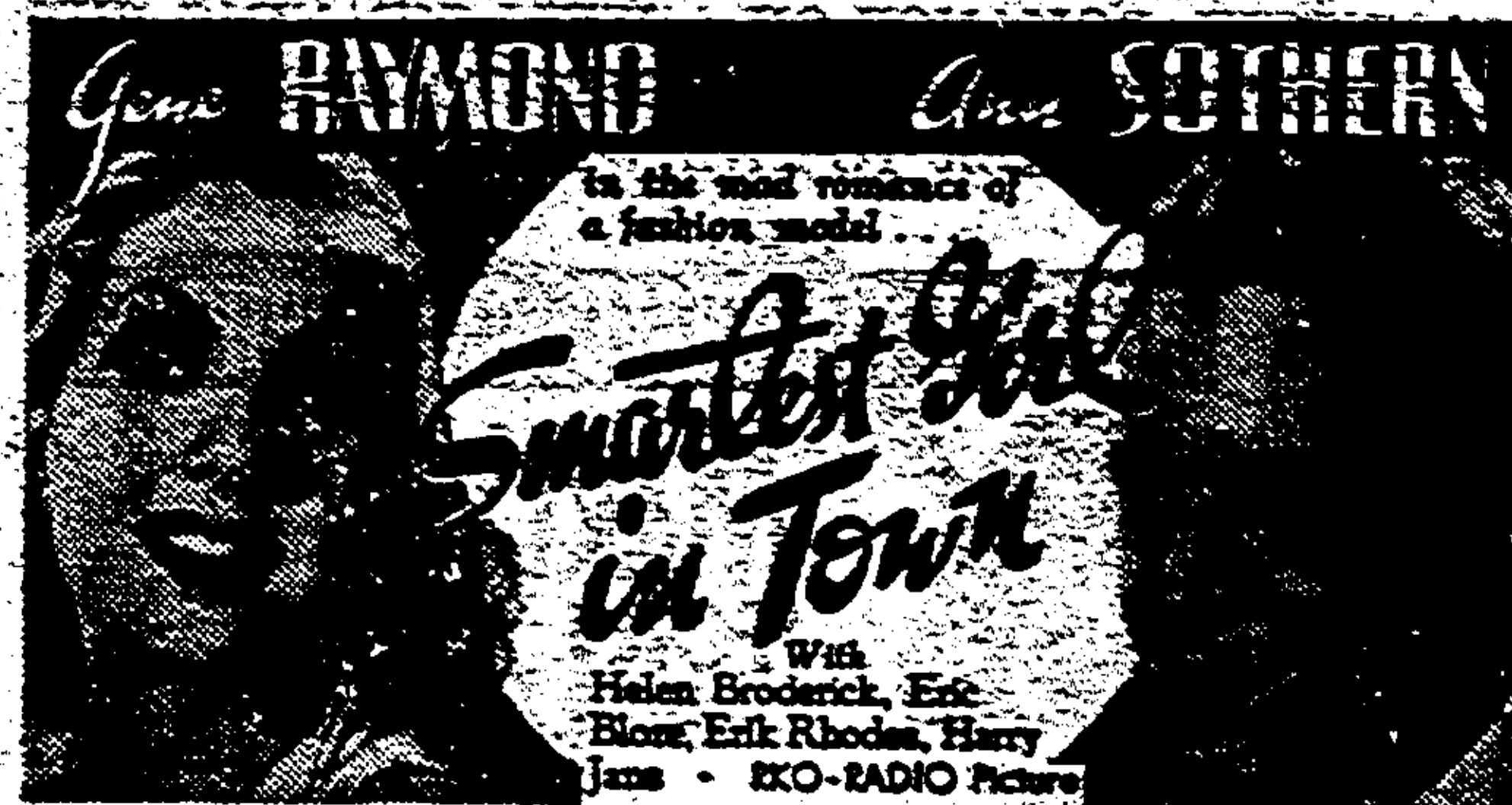
Another person who is far too valuable to be bombed, at least in his own opinion, is

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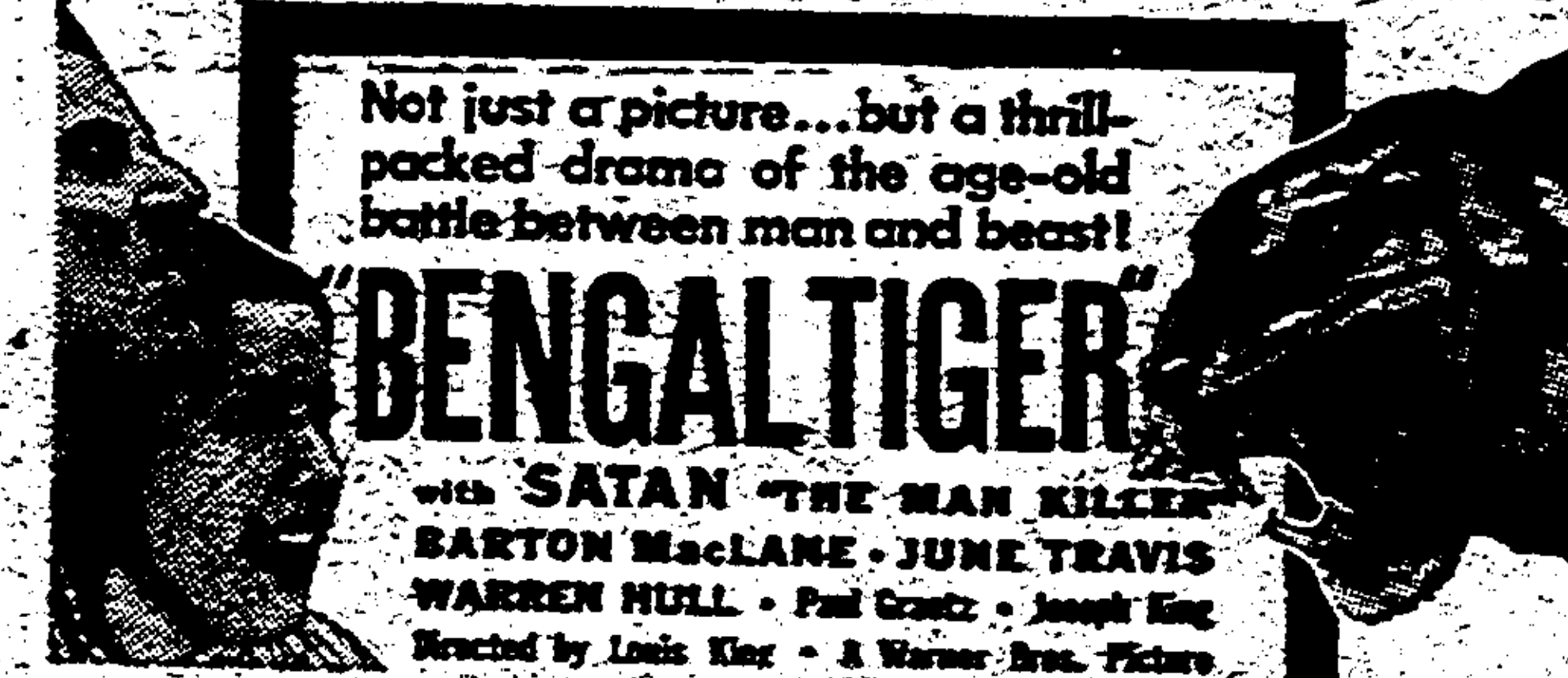
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ITALIAN DEFENCES COLLAPSE AT BRIGHUEGA

NOTABLE VICTORY FOR LOYALIST FORCES AT MADRID

Madrid, To-day.

The Government claims to have recaptured the town of Brighuega yesterday evening, where the Italian General Bergonzoli, commander of the mechanised Italian divisions, is reported to have had his headquarters.

The Government states that they first captured five villages surrounding Brighuega, taking much booty and many prisoners and practically destroying Brighuega with an artillery bombardment.

At the end of the afternoon the insurgent batteries were silenced and Brighuega was aflame, when three Government columns closed in from different directions.

All the surrounding heights are also claimed to be in Government hands.

A communique from rebel headquarters claims successes on the Madrid front, where they state they have captured many Russian and Dutch prisoners.

Meanwhile in Paris a press report states that 2,000 Spanish children have been placed on board steamers at Bilbao and Santander to be taken to Riga.

The reports add that the children will then be taken to Russia.—Reuter and Trans-Ocean.

Further Allegations Against Italy

London, To-day.

"Italy has sent further military units to Spain."

So asserts the Foreign Minister of the Valencia Government, Senor

Rebel Battalions Surrounded

Madrid, Later.

Following the capture of Brighuega from its Italian defenders, fighting has continued all through the night, with the Italians vainly attempting to counter-attack successively.

It is reported that several of the insurgent battalions are now surrounded.—Reuter.

del Vayo, in a statement published by the Spanish Embassy in London.

Senor del Vayo says that the situation is "extraordinarily grave" and asks that the Note submitted by him on March 12 be examined with all convenient speed.

He also demands that the non-intervention committee give its decision on the matter.—Trans-Ocean.

Spanish Bill Passed

London, To-day.

The Spanish Frontiers Observation Bill passed its third reading in the House of Commons to-day by 113 votes to 16.—Reuter.

Britain's Intention Of Defending Interests

London, To-day.

The much-discussed question of expenditure on the Singapore naval base was again raised in the House of Commons yesterday.

THE QUESTION WAS RAISED IN THE REPORT STAGE OF THE NAVAL ESTIMATES BY THE OPPOSITION LABOUR MEMBER, MR. J. H. HALL, WHO POINTED OUT THAT EXPENDITURE HAD GROWN FROM £7,000,000 TO £11,500,000 EXCLUDING £2,750,000 TO BE SPENT BY THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE.

Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, in his reply said that the reason for what looked like an increase in expenditure over two or three years was solely because it was a truncated scheme which cut down several very heavy items, which were now replaced.

An example was the increase over building of the north wall to allow for capital ships and an increase in accommodation by about fifty per cent.

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the whole picture would be complete.

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B.B.C. Running Commentary On Grand National

To-day's Wireless

Interlude At The Piano By Doreen Ma

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30 p.m.—Light Opera and Musical Comedy.
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—The London Piano-Accordion Band.
1.39 p.m.—Reuter Press, Rugby Press; Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Kitty Masters (Vocal) and Bing Crosby (vocal).
2 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-11 p.m.—European Programme.
7 p.m.—Grand Opera.
"Lohengrin"—Prelude (Wagner). London Symphony Orchestra.
"Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg" (Wagner). London Symphony Orchestra, and Good evening, Master! I see why 'twas.
F. Schorr (Baritone) and G. Ljungberg (Soprano).
"Lucia di Lammermoor" (Donizetti). What restrains me?
Galli-Curci, Homer, Gigli, de Luca, Pinza and Bada, vocal sextet.
"Cavalleria Rusticana" (Mascagni). Mother, you know the story.

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"La Bohème" (Puccini).
Claudia Muzio (Soprano).
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—Military Band Music.
La Source Ballet (arr. Winterbottom).
Band of H. M. Goldstream Guards.
Mechanized Infantry Quick March (McBain).
Fanfare (Adams).
The Minstrel Boy (Trad.).
The Watch Tower (Hargreaves).
Massed Bands of the Aldershot and Eastern Command.
Wee MacGregor's Polka (America).
Policeman's Holiday (Gilling).
Band of H. M. Goldstream Guards.
Hobomoké-Intermezzo (Hargreaves).
Wedding of the Rose (Jensen).
Band of H. M. Goldstream Guards.
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—London—"This is England" talks by representative English people.—11 Mrs. J. Bell, of Cumberland. A countrywoman. Introduced by Anthony Waymouth (Electrical Recording).
8.15 p.m.—Leslie Hutchinson.

Your heart and mine.
When I'm with you.
Where am I?
Hitch Medley.
8.30 p.m.—London—The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra, directed by Henry Hall.
8.55 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.
9.15 p.m.—From the Studio.
Interlude at the Piano by Doreen Ma.
1. When a Lady meets a Gentleman down South.
2. There's something in the air.
3. Thru the courtesy of Love.
4. Moon glow.
5. Stardust.
9.30 p.m.—Classical Selection (arr. Ewing), played by London Palladium Orchestra.
9.40 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Talk: "The Longest Trial in History" by H. C. Macnamara.
10 p.m.—London—Big Ben.
10 p.m.—Dance Music.

For Trot
Sing, sing, sing
Harden
The way you look to-night
A fine romance
At the Cafe Continental
On the Beach at Bali-Bali
Tango
The tango of my heart
For Trot
A star fell out of Heaven
Did I remember?
My Hawaiian song of love
10.30 p.m.—London—"Under Big Ben"
A talk by Howard Marshall.
10.45 p.m.—Dance Music (Continued).
For Trot
I don't want to make history
It ain't nobody's business what I do
Tango
Mon Amour
For Trot
Every time I look at you
Sugar Rose
11 p.m.—London—The Grand National.
A running commentary from the Race Course, Aintree, Liverpool.
11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Analysis Of Defence

Dear Mr. Culbertson: You may not think that an important point is involved in the argument that my partner and I have agreed to submit for your decision, but I do hope that you will, nevertheless, give the matter your attention and let us know who is correct. The dispute centres around the proper defence of the opponents' two spade contract in the hand enclosed. I was West and, due to what my partner called my "bad defence," the contract was defeated only one trick instead of two. It was no great matter, but still 300 points, since they were doubled and vulnerable."

The hand was:
West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable; East-West 60 part-score.

NORTH
S 5 5
H A Q J 9
D K 8 4 3
C J 8 3

WEST EAST
S K Q 6 3 S K 4
H 10 6 5 2 H K 8 4 3
D Q J 9 5 D A 7
C 2 C A 10 6 5 4

SOUTH
S A J 10 7 2
H 7
D 10 6 2
C K Q 3 7

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 1 club 1 spade
2 diamonds Pass Pass 2 spades
Double Pass Pass Pass

"I opened my singleton club and must admit I was quite shocked to find such a good dummy." (Editor's note: So would I have been. North should have bid two hearts over two diamonds, not that it would have done him any good, since his partner had a singleton heart.)

"East, when the opening lead with the ace and returned a club which I (West) ruffed. Then I let the queen of diamonds, which held the trick. Now the question is: What should have been my next play?"
Well, let us see. Up to this point the defence had been manifestly correct. The next step depends on declarer's holding in diamonds and

hearts, which can be discovered or, at least, anticipated.

West probably feared that a diamond continuation would be ducked in dummy and draw the now blank ace from East's hand, the cursory conclusion being that this would establish dummy's diamond wing for declarer's future use. But how would it? If a second lead of diamonds should fell the lone ace from East's hand, another club ruff would put West back on lead and let him lead a diamond for East to ruff. Or West might have feared leading a second diamond on the theory that declarer originally held only two diamonds to the ten spot. In that case a low diamond continuation after the queen held would be ducked in dummy and East would be forced to use his ace to drop declarer's now blank ten. Thus, dummy's king would be preserved for a heart discard.

So much for West's probable fears. The crux of the matter is that the proper play, after the diamond queen, would have guarded against both of the contingencies mentioned. That play would be the diamond jack! If it were East who had started with only the ace and one diamond, he would ruff a third round, as explained. If declarer had started with only the ten and one diamond, the jack would smother the ten. It would do declarer no good to cover with dummy's king. Therefore, he would allow the jack to hold, just as he had the queen, now hoping to ruff out the ace if diamonds were continued. But, of course, if West found himself still on lead after laying down the diamond jack he would see there were no more tricks for him in that suit, and so promptly would shift to a heart. That would have been the correct defence and would have set the contract two tricks, no matter what the declarer did.

TO DAY'S QUESTION:
Question: What is the correct bid, first hand, not vulnerable, on this hand?
S K 2 H 7 4 3 D A K 3 2 C 1 5 3 2
Answer: Pass.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE STAR—"Crime of Dr. Forbes"—with Gloria Stuart, Robert Kent and Alan Dinehart. The story of two doctors, one of whom contracts an incurable malady and is put out of his suffering by his associate.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Smartest Girl in Town", with Gene Raymond, Ann Sothern, Helen Broderick and Eric Blom. Delightful humour is combined with a fast-moving plot to give the fullest play to the versatile talents of one of the screen's most popular romantic teams.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Make Way For A Lady", with Anne Shirley, Herbert Marshall and Margot Grahame. A delightful piece of entertainment dealing with the hilarious mix-ups of a daughter assisting her father in his efforts to find a wife.

AT THE KING'S—"Camille", with Greta Garbo and Robert Taylor. A glorious love drama of a woman of Paris and of the world... a woman who coolly chose to accept the favours of a wealthy man; then suddenly fell in love with young Armand.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Bengal Tiger"—with June Travis, Warren Hull and Joseph King. A melodramatic thrill packed story of circus life.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Walking On Air"—with Gene Raymond and Ann Sothern. Gay film fare is provided in this hilarious comedy romance.

COMING PICTURES

"Pennies From Heaven"—with Bing Crosby, Madge Evans, Edith Fellows and Louis Armstrong. The gayest fun-show of the new season. Coming to the King's.

"Craig's Wife"—with Rosalind Russell and John Boles. The Pulitzer Prize play. The story of a woman who lived for the strongest love ever conceived and makes you bite her as you never hated a screen player before. Coming to the King's Theatre.

"Sinner Take All"—Deals of a newspaper reporter who solves a strange series of murders and a plot menacing an heiress, with Margaret Lindsay, Bruce Cabot and Joseph Calleia. Coming to the King's.

"Avenge Waters"—with Ken Maynard, Beth Marion and Ward Bond. A roaring romance of the west packed with spine-thrilling adventures. Coming to the Alhambra.

"One In A Million"—Introduces lovely Sonja Henie, Queen of the Silvery Skates, for the first time to movie fans. In addition to the world's champion figure skater, the film includes Adolphe Menjou. Coming to the Queen's.

"The Charge Of The Light Brigade"—with Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland. The former leads the Light Brigade, and the latter a girl torn between the love of two brothers. Coming to the King's.

"White Hunter"—with Warner Baxter and June Lang in a thrilling story of two people amid the menace of savage passions. Coming to the Queen's.

"Reunion"—When Dr. Luke brings his 3,000th baby into the world, his youngsters decide on a reunion with the Quints as centrepiece. Some astonishing things happen as governors, film stars, crooks and would-be divorcees descend on the little Canadian hamlet. Cast includes Jean Hersholt, Rochelle Hudson, Helen Vinson, Slim Summerville, Robert Kent, Alan Dinehart, and the Quintuplets. Coming to the Queen's.

"Satan Met A Lady"—with Bette Davis, Warren William, Alison Skipworth, Arthur Treacher and Winifred Shaw. A new thriller from the author of "The Thin Man" which will keep you in laughter from start to finish. Coming to the King's.



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MISS EARHART IN HONOLULU

LEAVING EARLY FOR HOWLAND



Miss Amelia Earhart, who has completed the first leg of her round the world flight in record time, is shown above with Captain Harry Manning (left) who is accompanying her as navigator as far as Port Darwin, obtaining instructions in the use of the new direction finder on her "Flying Laboratory."

HONOLULU, TO-DAY.
A CROWD OF SEVERAL HUNDREDS, SOME OF THEM STILL IN EVENING DRESS, ENDURED DRIZZLING RAIN TO SEE MISS AMELIA EARHART'S BIG LOCKHEED ELECTRA MONOPLANE MAKE A GRACEFUL LANDING ON THE AIRPORT YESTERDAY.

Miss Earhart has completed the first leg of her proposed 27,000-mile flight round the world, the first time this has ever been attempted by a woman. In spite of fatigue, the aviatrix announced that she would leave for Howland Island, her next stop, later in the day.

She claimed that her hop from Oakland, California, to Honolulu was the fastest ever made over the distance in a westerly direction.

The Hawaii Clipper arrived three hours after Miss Earhart and was followed by the Pan-American Clipper.

Miss Earhart had raced the giant planes across the long stretch of water. The Clipper ships, which started first, are on their way to Manila and New Zealand, respectively.—Reuter.

Resumption Held Up By Weather

Honolulu, To-day.
Miss Amelia Earhart is still here, having been compelled to postpone taking off on the second stage of her flight by extremely bad weather conditions.—Reuter.

CAIRO STUDENTS CLASH WITH POLICE Attack On Newspaper Offices

Cairo, To-day.
Students carrying out a political demonstration clashed with the police yesterday morning in the student quarters at Giza.

A number were injured in the clash, which necessitated the despatch of all the mounted police available in Cairo.

Meanwhile other parties of students attacked newspaper offices, resulting in some casualties among police and students.—Reuter.

MR. LINSSEN TO VISIT CANTON

Canton, To-day.
Mr. Lin Sen, President of the Nationalist Government, will leave the capital for Hankow en route to Canton to-morrow.

It is stated that the President will be the guest of the Mayor during his visit in the city.

General Li Chung-jen, Pacification Commissioner for Kwangsi, is coming to Canton and will invite the President to visit Kwangsi.—From Our Own Correspondent.

More U.S. Strikes

WOMEN HOLD UP FISHER WORKS

Detroit, To-day.
In drizzling rain and snow, Union patrols and picketers yesterday watched for any attempt to eject 6,000 sit-down strikers in the Chrysler factories who, with high officials of the United Automobile Workers' of America are defying a legal injunction obtained against them by the company.

The Willys-Overland automobile factory at Toledo, Ohio, employing 4,200 men, closed yesterday until Monday owing to the shortage of material from Detroit, where the strike situation has led to a temporary lay-off by 6,000 other Toledo workers.

WOMEN WALK OUT

One plant of the Fisher Body Corporation in Flint, Michigan, closed after strikes by hundreds of women in the sewing department and sixty men in the shipping department, which resulted in rendering 4,800 workers idle.

The strike was later called off and work is being resumed immediately.

Meanwhile the Chrysler Corporation has applied for a writ for arrest of the united automobile workers' leaders and 6,000 sit-down strikers.—Reuter.

King And Queen At Knowsley

London, To-day.
The King and Queen left London yesterday in the Royal train on a visit to Lord Derby at Knowsley, and will be present at the Aintree racecourse to see Grand National Steeplechase. Some thousands of villagers warmly greeted Their Majesties on their arrival at Hayton station, near Knowsley.—British Wireless.

Earlier Independence In Philippines

Washington, To-day.
President Manuel Quezon and United States Government officials have agreed to the terms of the proposal to advance the date of complete independence for the Philippines from 1946 to 1938/39.

A committee of experts will be appointed to work out details of revision of the independence programme enacted in 1934.—Reuter.

Woolworth Girls Strike

New York, To-day.
Fifty sales girls in one of the Woolworth establishments in New York are on strike.

The girls are demanding union recognition, a minimum wage of \$20 a week and a 40-hour week.

At present the girls only get from \$10 to \$12 a week.

The girls have cabled Miss Barbara Hutton, the Woolworth heiress, asking her intervention to grant an increase in wages.—Reuter.

LADY KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN ARRIVES

Among the passengers who arrived this morning on the s.s. Carthage were Lady Knatchbull-Hugessen and the Misses Knatchbull-Hugessen. They were met by H.E.'s Private Secretary and taken by special launch in order to catch the 8.30 train for Canton.

Sir Hinghe arrived in Canton by train yesterday and was warmly welcomed by Chinese officials. He is staying on Shamoen with Mr. R. C. Blunt, the Consul-General.

To-day, he will play official calls on General Yu Hon-mau, General Huang Mo-sung and the Mayor of Canton and the calls will be returned this afternoon.

NEW TOKYO BUDGET

REDUCED BUT STILL SWOLLEN

Tokyo, To-day.
The Cabinet yesterday submitted to the Diet the Supplementary Estimates Bill of 58,197,000 yen, making the total of next year's Budget, 2,872,134,000 yen.

The supplementary estimates include a small additional amount for the navy.

This total means that the Hirota Budget, which caused a parliamentary storm earlier in the year, has been cut by 166,447,000 yen but the total is still 560,617,000 yen above the present working Budget.—Reuter.

ANTI-ITALIAN INCIDENT IN PARIS

Paris, To-day.
The Italian pavilion at the Paris World Fair has been occupied by workers and further work on the exhibits has been interrupted.

The demonstration, according to the papers, is anti-Fascist and has taken place in connexion with the recent riots at Clichy.

The Italian Ambassador in Paris has lodged a protest.—Trans-Ocean.

Forthcoming Wedding

The marriage between Mr. Robert Leslie Shepherd Webb, of No. 16, Macdonnell Road, and Miss Evelyn Winifred O'Hagan, of No. 2, Link Road, will shortly take place.

The R.M.S. Empress of Russia left Yokohama this morning, is due at Hong Kong on Friday next at 7 a.m. and leaves Hong Kong for Manila on the same day at 5 p.m.

The R.M.S. Empress of Asia left Yokohama for Vancouver yesterday at 3 p.m.

JAPANESE NAVAL BOMBSHELL

Gun-Calibre Attitude May Disturb Equilibrium

Lead To New Race In Ship Types And Sizes

London, To-day.

Replying in the House of Commons during the debate on the Naval Estimates, in which reference was made to rumours that Japan might adopt 16-inch guns, Sir Samuel Hoare, the First Lord of the Admiralty, said that he had no official information on the subject.

IT WOULD BE A MATTER OF THE GREATEST REGRET, HOWEVER, IF ONE OF THE NAVAL POWERS STARTED BIGGER GUNS THAN 14-INCH OR SHIPS LARGER THAN 35,000 TONS.

AS FAR AS BRITAIN WAS CONCERNED, WE INTEND TO STICK TO 14-INCH GUNS FOR THE 35,000-TON BATTLESHIP IF ALL THE OTHER NAVAL POWERS DID THE SAME AND THERE WAS A VERY WIDE MEASURE OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CERTAIN OF THE NAVAL POWERS.

He was sure this would be much better for the world as a whole and did not think any navy would lose in any way in efficiency.

He hoped they would not change the designs for capital ships in the future.

If other countries broke the agreement they would have to consider a new situation.

He added that he still hoped it would be possible to implement the agreement reached in London last year.

Great Calamity

It would be a great calamity to the world if such agreements were not implemented by the great naval Powers and we again saw the start of a competition amongst new types and sizes.—Reuter.

From an authoritative technical quarter comes an explanation of the significance of the new situation created by Japan's decision.

It is explained that Japan's decision lies in the fact that five new battleships already ordered for the British Navy have dimensions of 35,000 tons and 14-inch guns.

America's Position

The United States, however, made its acceptance of the limitations imposed by the London Naval Agreement depend on their acceptance by all the naval Powers.

If Japan actually abides by its decision, then the United States would most probably assert its right to equip its new battleships with 16-inch guns.

This, however, would end in requiring battleships to be made much larger, since 16-inch guns would mean a much greater hull displacement.—Trans-Ocean.

Sir Robert Craigie Leaving For U.S.

London, To-day.

The Anglo-German negotiations on a qualitative naval treaty, which had progressed to the point

of signature of the agreement, have been adjourned for the time being because the head of the British delegation, Sir Robert Craigie, has had to make a private trip to the United States.

The Anglo-Soviet naval talks are also being held up.—Trans-Ocean.

Calibre Depends On Japan

In spite of an official statement that the new British battleships will mount 14in guns, it is far from certain that this will be the armament of all the five vessels now building or projected, says Hector Bywater in the "Daily Telegraph."

The first two, the King George V. and the Prince of Wales, were designed to carry 14in guns, and could not be altered to mount heavier weapons without involving great delay. Moreover, the 14in guns and mountings for these ships are already under production.

But the armament of the three vessels included in the new programme may consist of heavier guns.

The limit of 14in calibre imposed by last year's Naval Treaty becomes operative only if it is accepted by all the Powers.

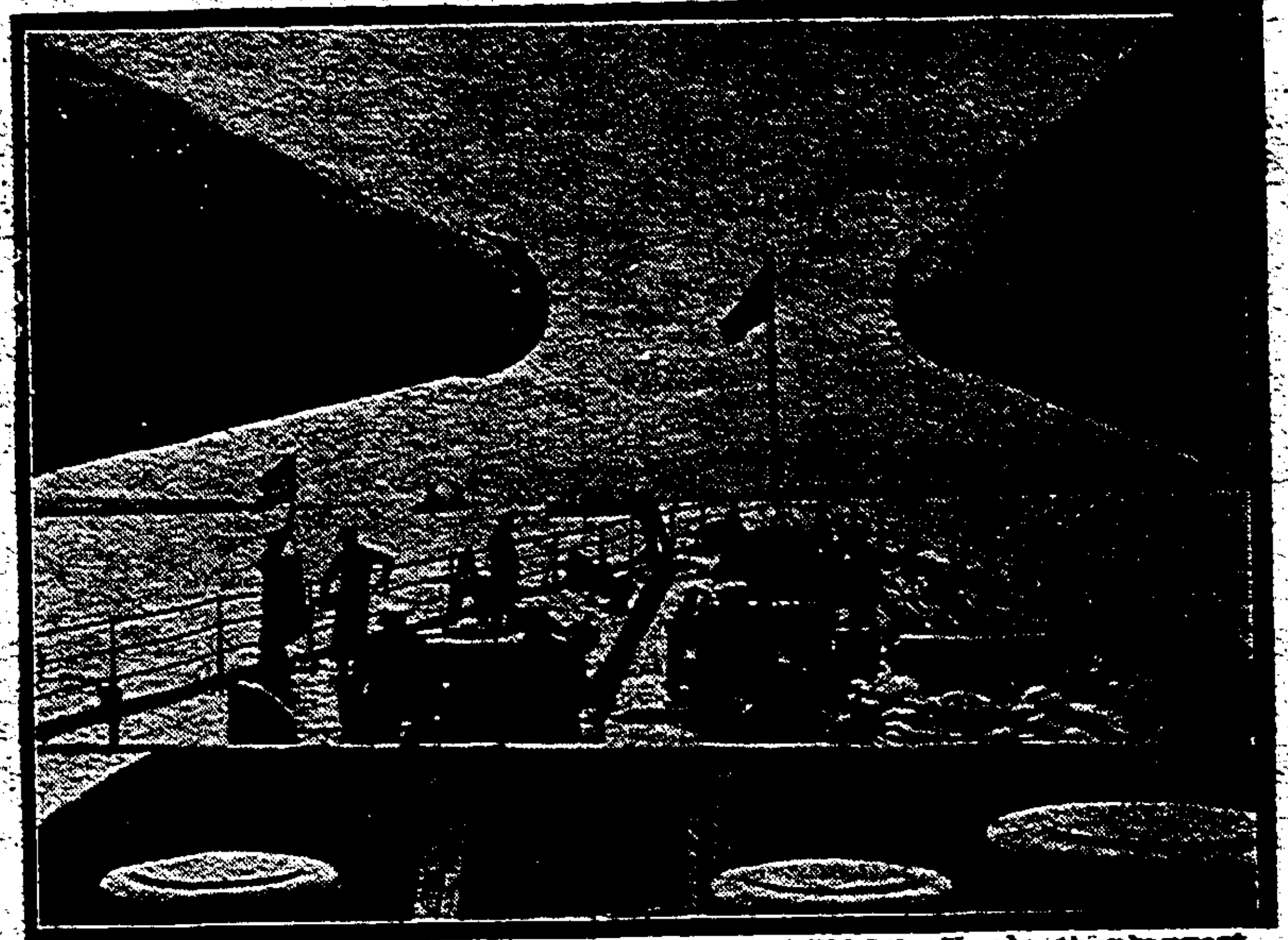
If by April 1, Japan has failed to give an affirmative answer, the American Navy, it is officially announced, will at once order 16in guns for its projected battleships. In that event the British Navy might be compelled to follow suit.

SACRIFICE OF SPEED

Most naval officers would prefer to keep to the 14in limit. The new gun of this calibre is, they consider, of sufficient weight and power for all purposes.

Its projectile of 1,560lb will perforate practically any thickness of armour at ordinary fighting ranges, and the gun itself weighs 23 tons less than the 16in piece of 103 tons.

As our new battleships are restricted to 35,000 tons, the weight of armament is a factor of prime importance. The heavier the armament the less margin will be left



Here are the forward turret guns of H.M.S. Hood, the biggest naval ship afloat, 42,100 tons. These guns are only 15 inch. The Nelson and the Rodney type are equipped with 16-inch guns.

for armour protection and machinery. A battleship of this size mounting nine 16in. guns must either sacrifice adequate protection or be restricted to a speed of at most 25 knots.

This marked difference in weight is due less to the guns than their mountings, which become disproportionately heavier as calibre increases. The total weight of nine 16in. guns on triple mounting is over 7,000 tons, while that of nine 14in on similar mountings would be about 4,300 tons.

The Director of Ambulance acknowledges with grateful appreciation and thanks the receipt of the following donations: Mr. Eu Tong Sen \$200; Vacuum Standard Oil Co. \$50; Anonymous (in memory of Mr. Lu Ku Un) \$10.

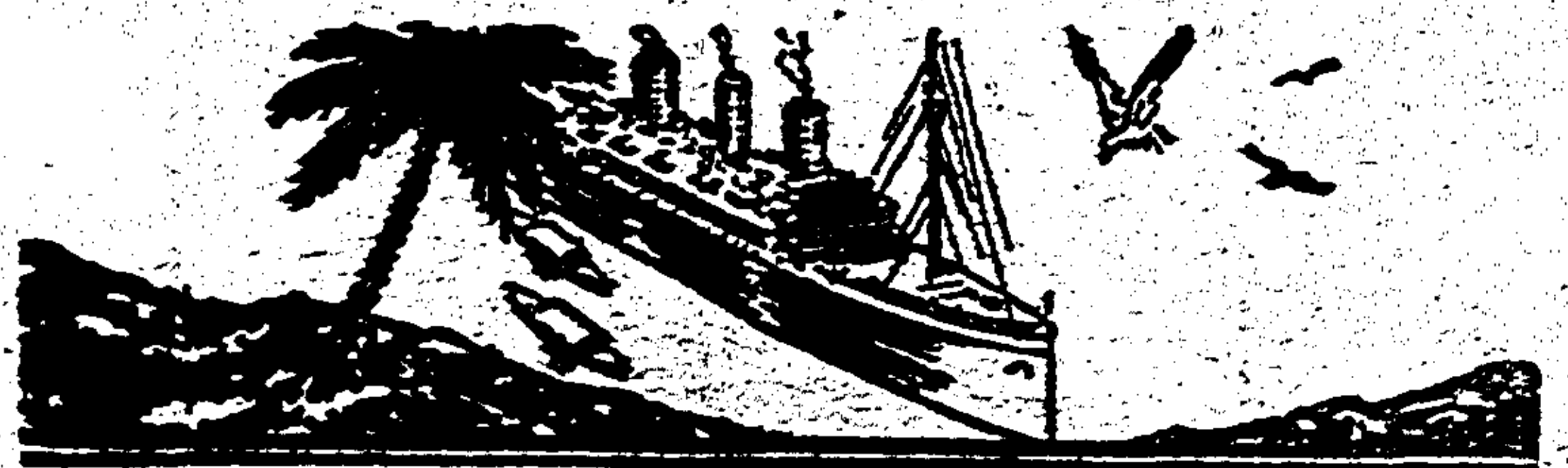
NO NEW TARIFFS IN NIGERIA

Statement In House Of Commons

London, To-day.

In reply to a Commons question, the Colonial Secretary said that no substantial tariff changes were contemplated in the Nigerian estimates for the coming financial year. Nor was it proposed to make any change in the system of textile quotas recently introduced.

Having regard to the importance on general grounds of avoiding fresh interference in the flow of international trade, the Government did not think it desirable that the system of imperial preference should be introduced into Nigeria at present.—British Wireless.



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How often do you find that mustard, made the day before, has hardened during the night and cannot be used? To prevent this taking, mix in a little salt when you are preparing mustard and the condiment will be soft until the last scrap remains in the pot.

Sometimes the kitchen sink gets excessively dirty. If this happens, and you have run out of the usual cleaning powder, salt again comes to the rescue.

You will only need a cloth, which must be damp and dipped in some salt. When you have rubbed the sink well for a few minutes no discoloration will remain.

Ink stains can be removed from linen table-cloths or similar materials if they are treated immediately like this.

Cover the stain with salt and rub hard with a cut lemon. When

Military Braid In Paris

Military braid in a Paris show added special character when distributed round hemline of skirt as well as jacket. This suit was given a halo-brimmed hat of white and black spotted straw, resembling others that are white and red spotted to match up to pique blouses or jacket trimmings.

Other evening wraps were in the Molyneux tradition with cleverly cut widths at half length in black, "Ganguin" pink, and the darkest brown duchesse satin as well as half and full-length ostrich feather capes and those of silver pointed and white fox.

Worth is showing silken, broad tartan-checked semi-fitted coats with wide hems and big elbow-length sleeves, with those of black lace which silhouette slender gowns of ale canary yellow and white beneath.

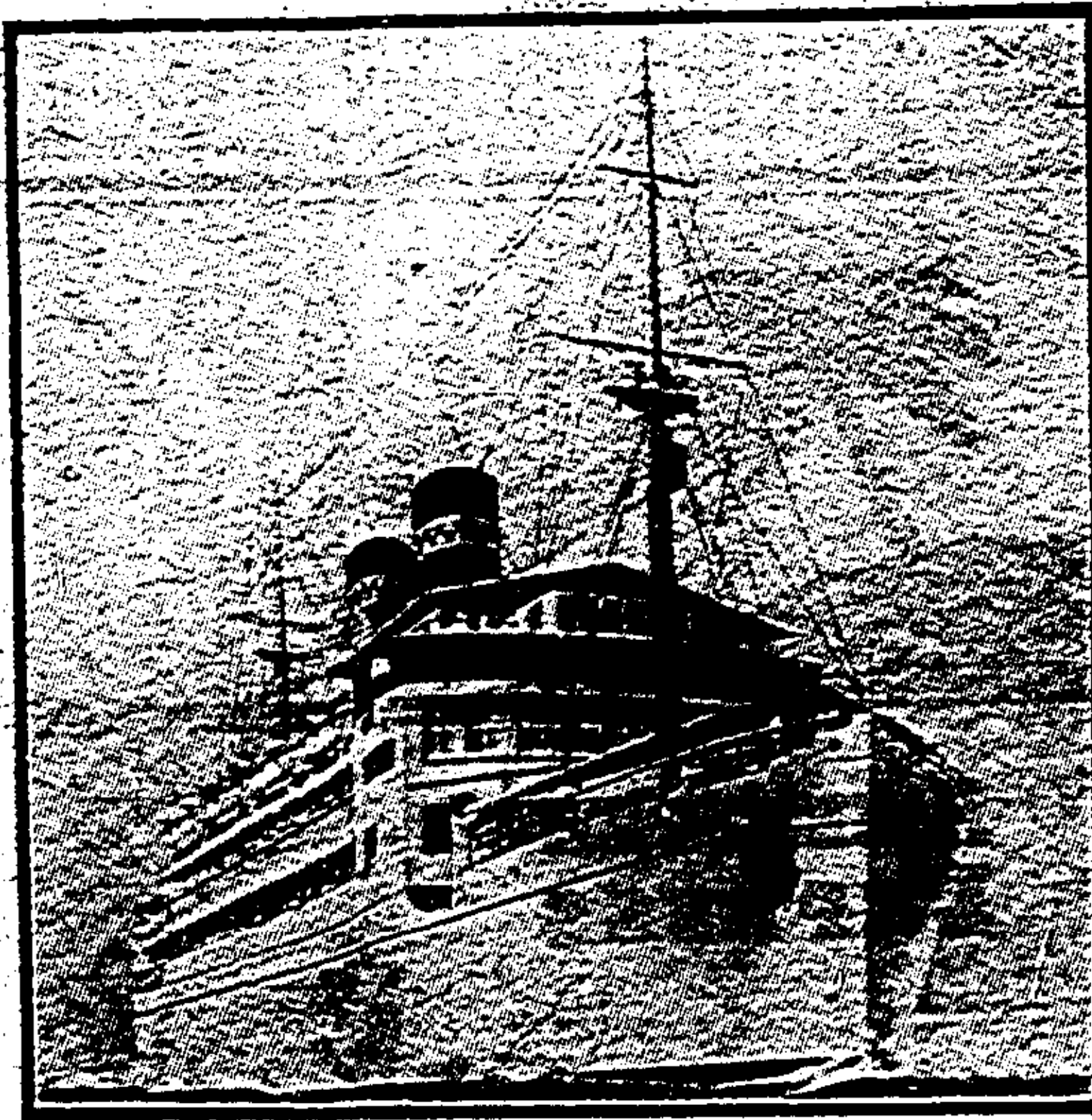
dry, wash in warm water. Repeat the process if the stain does not disappear the first time.

If you are washing any coloured garments, about a handful of salt added to the water will prevent the colours running or fading.

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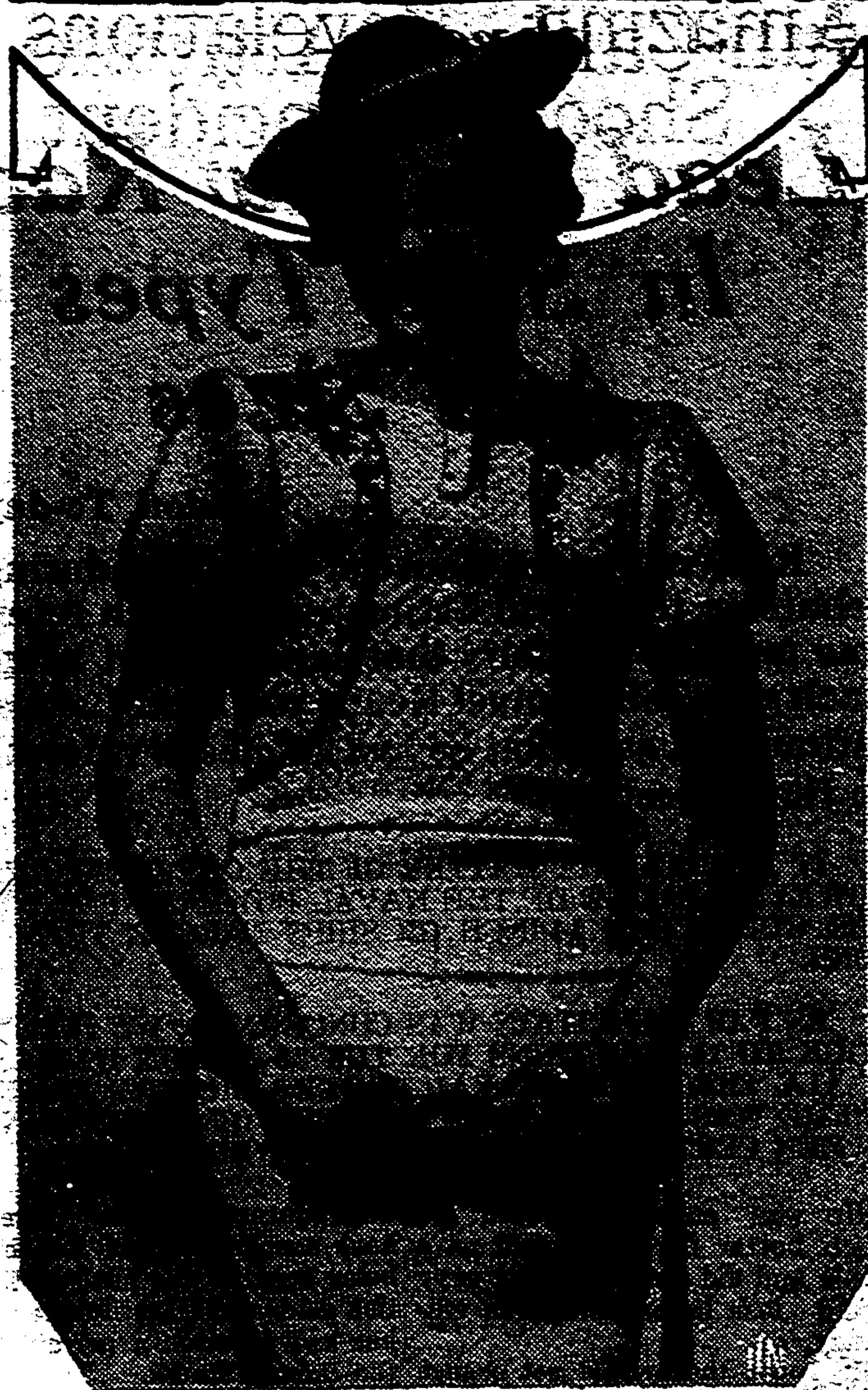
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Separate six eggs. Put the yolks of two on one side, for to-morrow's pudding, and beat the rest of the yolks (season these) and the whites separately, the latter till they are very stiff.

Put a piece of butter the size of a walnut in an omelette pan, and when it is slightly coloured quickly fold the whites in the yolks and pour the mixture into the pan. Cook gently for a few minutes,

stirring the mixture in the centre with a knife, and taking care that the mixture does not stick to the pan at the sides. When half done, hold under a really hot grill for a couple of minutes so that the omelette will rise and brown. Quickly add the filling (fried chopped liver, mushrooms, etc.), and fold in two. Serve immediately.

If wanted as a sweet, add a level tablespoonful of castor sugar to the yolks when beating them, and spread the cooked omelette with warmed jam and dust with sugar.

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MUSSOLINI SENSATION

Amazing Revelations In Chambrun Shooting Incident

Woman's Diary And Photographs

Paris, To-day.

The name of Signor Mussolini has now been linked with that of Madame de Fontange in a most sensational way.

FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF COUNT LOUIS DE CHAMBRUN, FORMER FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO ROME, AS HE WAS LEAVING PARIS FOR BRUSSELS, HAVE LED TO THE MOST UNEXPECTED REVELATIONS.

THE WOULD-BE ASSASSIN, MAGDA DE FONTANGE, WHOSE REAL NAME IS DE LA FERRIERE, DECLARED IN THE COURSE OF CROSS-EXAMINATION BY THE AUTHORITIES YESTERDAY THAT DURING HER STAY IN ROME SHE BECAME THE MISTRESS OF "ONE OF THE HIGHEST PERSONALITIES IN EUROPE."

Three hundred photographs of Signor Mussolini, including a large one autographed by the Duce, are reported to have been found in the woman's flat.

The police searched the flat for two hours yesterday afternoon while an excited crowd watched outside.

Her private diary, stated to contain references to Signor Mussolini and Count de Chambrun, was also found and placed under seal.

Madame de Fontange's lawyer, M. Floriot, declared that the reported relationship of his client with a high Italian personage had nothing whatever to do with the case juridically in France.

The only point with which they were dealing was the attack on Count de Chambrun.

Count Revealed Her Past

Madame de Fontange also asserted during her cross-examination that Count de Chambrun had made revelations about her past and her character, the result being that her "eminent lover broke off the relationship."

Last September she attempted to commit suicide by taking 200 grammes of veronal.

Subsequently the "eminent personality" settled her hotel bills, her hospital account and other sums owing by her and paid her the sum of \$15,000 "as compensation."

At the same time, however, she asserted, he had her identification papers handed her by the police, intimating that she had to leave the country immediately. — Trans-Ocean and Reuter.

Mr. Anthony Eden

London, To-day.

The honorary Degree of Doctor of Civil Law will be conferred on the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, by the University of Durham next Thursday. — Trans-Ocean.

A Primus stove, one which Chung Ting, a tinker, was working exploded yesterday and set his clothing on fire. He received severe burns and was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

HENRY HALL LEAVING B. B. C.

London, To-day.

Henry Hall, the famous leader of the B.B.C. dance orchestra for the past six years, is leaving the B.B.C. on September 25.

He is taking his orchestra with him and will be employed on outside work.

The band will not be replaced by the B.B.C. and his orchestra will broadcast frequently when his outside engagements permit. — Reuter.

TREBITSCH LINCOLN IN SHANGHAI

TOO ALERT FOR A PICKPOCKET

The Abbot Chao Kung — who was in lay life Ignatius Trebitsch-Lincoln, well known on two continents — carries his money in a wallet carefully tucked away under his ecclesiastical robes. On Monday morning, however, when the Abbot was in the Central Post Office, North Szechuen Road, Shanghai, buying stamps he excited the professional interest of two Russian pickpockets and the pair immediately went to work on the brown-robed monk.

Now, one has to get up pretty early to put something over on the Abbot. Chao Kung got suspicious immediately and watched the Russians closely, saw one deftly extract the wallet and pounced upon the fellow, making an outcry at the same time. Post Office guards rushed to the spot, and while No. 2 pickpocket got away, No. 1 was promptly arrested. He was turned over to detectives of the Hongkew Station later in the day.

The wallet, with about \$15 in notes and some cards and papers, was returned to the Abbot.

Pang Yui, aged 52, a hawkier, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday, in a serious condition, suffering from a razor wound on the neck inflicted by a man who has been arrested.

Britain's Budget On April 20

London, To-day.

The Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the Budget will be presented on April 20. — Reuter.

Battling The Common Cold

QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT

London, To-day.

An inquiry was addressed to the Lord President of the Council in the House of Commons regarding the progress of experiment and research, assisted by the Medical Research Council, into the prevention and cure of the common cold and influenza.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said that during the past year there had been further confirmation from different parts of the world that the virus originally isolated in 1933 at the National Institute for Medical Research is the infective agent which causes an epidemic of influenza and on this basis measures for preventive action were being devised and substantial progress had been achieved.

There was considerable ground for hoping that a satisfactory means for producing at least temporary immunity would be evolved.

He added that the Council was not at the moment supporting any direct attack upon the common cold but the problems were closely related and an advance against one disease was likely to assist attacks on the other. — British Wireless.

FENLAND FLOOD ANXIETIES

London, To-day.

The position in the flooded Fenland districts remains anxious, though no further serious breaches in the dykes holding back the swollen rivers have occurred.

The level of the River Ouse has not dropped at all.

The scene of alarms shifted yesterday to the Prickwillow district, where 150 tons of clay have already been used to support the banks of the Little Ouse. — Reuter.

Situation Easier

Although the danger of the extension of the floods in the Fen area is still present, the situation generally was reported by the Minister of Agriculture in the Commons yesterday afternoon to be somewhat eased.

It was suggested to the Minister that the skill and assistance of regimental engineers might be called upon, but Mr. Morrison said the Catchment Boards had at their disposal engineers fully qualified to deal with their special problems. If it were found that their resources were lower, — British Wireless.

King's Proctor And Mrs. Simpson

London, To-day.

To-day's Cause List has the following entry: Before the President, Sir Boyd Merriam, an undefended divorce case, Simpson W. versus Simpson E.A. (application by the King's Proctor for directions).

This unusual application, it is understood, does not represent the King's Proctor's formal intervention but is designed to dispel certain rumours that are circulating.

Mr. Ernest Simpson was not informed about the application and was unaware of it until he saw it in the press. — Reuter.

SENSATION CAUSED

London, To-day.

A sensation was caused here yesterday by the announcement that an application, to be made in the divorce suit, Simpson v. Simpson, will be heard to-day in the London Law Courts, although the generally prevailing impression was that the case was finally disposed of last October.

The explanation is that according to English law, divorce is in the first instance only pronounced conditionally and does not become effective until six months later, providing that in the meantime no objection to grant the divorce has been raised.

NATURE UNKNOWN

As a rule an objection of this kind is based on the charge that the innocent party in the suit — in this case Mrs. Simpson — has been guilty of conduct not permitted by law.

Objection in such a case is lodged by a special authority known as the King's Proctor, who has lodged the application in this instance.

The nature of the application has not been revealed. — Trans-Ocean.

THE NETHERLANDS' FLAG

The Hague, To-day.

The red, white and blue flag has been definitely chosen as the Netherlands national flag in preference to the old orange, white and blue flag.

This was announced by the Home Minister in the Second Chamber yesterday.

The old orange flag, however, might still be flown. — Trans-Ocean.

were not adequate, the Government would be ready to give any help in their power.

No request for such assistance had been refused.

The main danger spot at present, he added, was at the dam on the Ouse.

Press reports from the localities affected state that the chief engineer of the Great Ouse catchment board describes the position as being well in hand. Water levels along banks which, in parts, stand ten feet higher than the surrounding land, are on an average, six in it were found that their resources were lower. — British Wireless.



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TRAVEL JOY

While men of action are not commonly credited with a deep appreciation of natural beauty, yet one does on occasion find such a combination of qualities. They were embodied, for example, in that patriotic pirate, Francis Drake, who was nearly as well pleased by the sight of the Cape of Good Hope as by the contents of a Spanish galleon. It is true, of course, that after a long absence from land the barren desert might have seemed as beautiful as "the fairest cape"; nor did the Cape present the same aspect to every mariner who essayed its perilous seas.

Passengers in the Empress of Britain which arrives in the Colony on Monday morning, completing one more stage in a voyage round the world, would hardly think of themselves as successors of the illustrious Sir Francis. They might, indeed, echo his praises but they would be loth to follow his example. Drake's travelling was not unconnected with singeing the famous beard of the King of Spain and such like profitable exercises. Certain it is that he did not travel for pleasure or, as the saying goes, for his health. It is only in our generation that size of ship and "every modern comfort" have conspired to make a sea-voyage the undoubtedly beneficent institution that it is. Writing not so very long after Drake had accomplished his voyage, the great Sir Francis Bacon implied that he would as soon have undertaken a trip to the moon as a journey by sea. "I am too old," he wrote, "and the seas are too long for me to double the Cape of Good Hope." Rabelais held that one of the three things most to be repented of was to journey by sea to any place accessible by land, and General Smuts is believed to hold much the same point of view. The 18th century, indeed, was fairly well advanced before travel came to be looked upon as anything more than a disagreeable necessity. Adventurous travellers regaled the ears of wondering listeners on Thames-side with tales of sea-beasts hardly less fearsome than the fabled Loch Ness monster itself; and it was left to the contemporaries of Horace Walpole to discover the joys of the Grand Tour while they still feared the rigours of a sea-voyage. English mildness then began that invasion of the Continent with a haughtiness that hardened into a tradition. Their modern counterparts is the old lady who said that

Paris was quite a nice place but there were an awful lot of foreigners in it.

Everyone would explain the tick to travel in his own way. The psychologist would employ the jargon of escape, a word which can be used to dispose of any argument; for is not everyone anxious to escape from something, even if it be merely the dullness of routine? Many of them forget that, in the words of the ancient philosopher, those who cross the sea change sky but not their disposition. In other words, you cannot escape from yourself. For all that, however, there is for everyone some place where the streets are paved with gold, some El Dorado, some haven of bliss. Once, it was the land of Prester John; now, in a standardised world of motor-cars and electric trams, people find it in the South Seas. But for everyone there is the final realisation that home is not such a bad place after all. That is the ultimate joy of travel.

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Geneva And Health

The man in the street seldom realises how much good work of an unsuspected nature goes on under the auspices of the League of Nations. This month famous doctors from all parts of the world have been meeting in the palais des Nations at Geneva. They are the members of the new Health Committee of the League, and the "brains" behind the world-wide campaign against disease waged by the Geneva Health Organisation.

This medical League of Nations, in its early skeleton form, probably got into action more quickly than any other section of the League after the Great War. Its first big job was to clean up the post-war epidemics of typhus and other diseases which threatened to sweep over Europe from Russia and Poland. This work was speedily followed by equally prompt measures for dealing with the outbreaks of disease among the vast armies of refugees who had flocked to Greece from Asia Minor.

But even these great achievements on behalf of suffering humanity gave little indication of the pitch of organisation which would be reached within the short space of some seventeen years. The contract with anything known before the Great War is astounding. Last century, when cholera was rife in Europe, it took the nations forty years to agree upon the first international sanitary convention. To-day, at Geneva, there is a permanent public health centre ready to deal with any problem that may arise.

Many a time the League's Health Organisation has responded to appeals from individual countries, as China has learned to its benefit, and it has also made special studies of widespread diseases such as malaria and tuberculosis. At the same time, with characteristic vision and foresight, those who direct its activities believe in preventive hygiene. Part of the Health Organisation's policy is to help nations to profit from each other's experience in eradicating conditions conducive to disease. Thus, among current activities on the agenda, are included such matters as housing, physical education, rural hygiene and maternal mortality.

Many of the world's greatest discoveries were by amateurs whom women drove to distraction

The Talking Encyclopedia

AN amateur may be defined as somebody whose wife thinks he is wasting his time. He is a man who does what he wants to do when he ought to be doing something else. Woman is naturally constituted to resent such behaviour. If a man has a hobby such as astronomy, photography, or radio transmission he has constantly to be reminding his spouse that some of the greatest scientific discoveries in the world, some of the inventions that have turned the course of the human race, were made by amateurs.

Paradoxically enough, the word amateur means lover.

Perhaps the most perfect illustration of the conflict between amateur and amatory pursuits is the case of William Lee, a young English clergyman who flourished at the beginning of the industrial era. Rev. Lee was wasting his evenings "paying his addresses" to a certain young woman. But every time he called, he found her "busily employed in knitting." What was she knitting? we ask of history. The answer is obvious. She was knitting stockings. All evening he would sit around listening to the click of her needles, while she "would pay no attention to his addresses." This conduct she pursued for so long a period that the lover became disgusted, and he vowed to devote his leisure, instead of dancing attendance on a capricious woman, who treated his attention with cold neglect, in devising an invention that would effectually supersede her favourite employment of knitting. So sedulous was Mr. Lee in his new occupation, that he neglected everything to accomplish this new object of his attentions; even his sacerdotal duties were neglected. In vain did his sweetheart endeavour to reclaim him; she found too late that she had carried her hunger too far.

William Lee invented the knitting frame, and now there are plenty of women's stockings, but the point that I would make to the wife is that, in the course of his work, he freed himself. He gave the knitting needle girl her stocking machine, but kept his distance.

Another clergyman who knew the comparative worth of a wife and a hobby was the Rev. J. B. Reade, inventor of one of the basic processes in photography. Rev. Reade accidentally found that negative prints turned out better on leather than on paper. Naturally, he was in need of leather upon which to continue his experiments, and the glass had little time for women, best leather he could find in the house was in his wife's kid gloves. Mrs. Reade had several pairs of white gloves. Rev. Reade made fine playing cards, a notably masculine picture on some of them, and put them on her last pair when he subjected them to chemical tests to find out what made the prints so clear. He discovered that the sensitivity of the kid gloves was due to the tanning, and he was able to go on a few more experiments, getting excellent results by the application of a special tanning process. By that time no woman along, with whom

time his wife had left him, but he might waste his time, so Darwin fortunately he needed no more white kid gloves.

It is curious to note that monks and artists abound among the great amateurs of history. Both types, in their divergent ways, are noted for their independence of womanhood. The modern law of heredity was worked out by Mendel, a monk, who conducted a series of breeding experiments with mice. The monastery refused to allow the amateur biologist to publish his work, as it dealt with the lewd subject of mating. Mendel repeated all of his work, using peas instead of mice. The reproduction of peas was not considered immoral, and the world learned about heredity.

Women meant nothing in the life of Roger Bacon, Franciscan friar of the thirteenth century, who is credited with the discovery of gunpowder. Friar Bacon was a philosopher and mathematician, the first to use the "scientific method" of ex-

perimentation. He planned flying machines, worked with lenses, and left a backward-written cryptogram which indicates he was the first man to examine cells and spermatozoa by means of a microscope. But the wife will try to make something of the fact that Friar Bacon died of pneumonia, contracted while he was getting snow to stuff a dead chicken, which he was trying to preserve.

The English clergy, though permitted to marry, don't seem to have spent much time dallying with wives or sweethearts. Joseph Priestley, who amateurishly discovered oxygen, derived most of his satisfaction in life out of theological dispute, chemical and electrical experimentation, and revolutionary writing. An English mob burned his house, chapel, laboratory, and books when he espoused the French revolutionary cause.

Our knowledge of high blood pressure is due to the "fooling around" of the Rev. Stephen Hales, perpetual curate of Teddington from 1703 to 1761. He spent all of his weekdays tying down mares and cutting holes in their femoral arteries "in order to see how high the blood would rise in a tube which he immediately inserted."

John Napier, the Scotch theologian, had little time for women, but spent much of the sixteenth century toying with a calculator. He used his adding machine for white gloves. Rev. Reade made fine playing cards, a notably masculine picture on some of them, and put them on her last pair when he subjected them to chemical tests to find out what made the prints so clear. He discovered that the sensitivity of the kid gloves was due to the tanning, and he was able to go on a few more experiments, getting excellent results by the application of a special tanning process. By that time no woman along, with whom

California, discovered a comet through his three-inch telescope. The comet bears his name. Merchants, barbers, and teachers, as well as monks and painters, are among the great amateurs, but it must be admitted that a few of them were stimulated to activity by women folk. Elias Howe was a railroad engineer, and like the Rev. Lee, got bored with watching a woman's handiwork. In this case the woman was his wife; she was eternally sewing. He invented a sewing machine in order that she might get through earlier.

It is of course impossible to speak of artist-inventors and bachelor-artists without mentioning Leonardo Da Vinci, the universal genius who, like Friar Bacon, wrote backwards, and theorised on flying machines. Da Vinci anticipated the camera, and made the first stereopticon. Through his "pinhole box," a lighted candle projected a painting onto a wall.

Like most artists, Robert Fulton was a super-energetic lazy man. At fourteen, he built a paddle-wheel boat in order to avoid poling while fishing. When away from his easel, he didn't deem it necessary to account for all his spare time to any one lady, and consequently became an amateur inventor of torpedoes and submarines; then, perhaps seeking something for the torpedoes to

The classic example of the amateur everything is Ben Franklin. No one can say there was a lack of women in Franklin's life, but he allowed himself plenty of leisure, and there was no one around to stop his bubbling mind from adventuring into all fields of knowledge. He invented a glass-bowl xylophone called the armonica, bifocal spectacles, lightning rods, electric treatment for paralysis, the Franklin stove, street lights, and daylight saving. He observed that 96,075,000 candles would be saved in the city of Paris every year by daylight saving, and for its enforcement suggested that "Every morning, as soon as the sun rises, let all the bells in every church be set ringing, and if this is not sufficient, let cannon be fired in every street, to wake the sluggards effectually."

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By Dr. Eric Clarkson

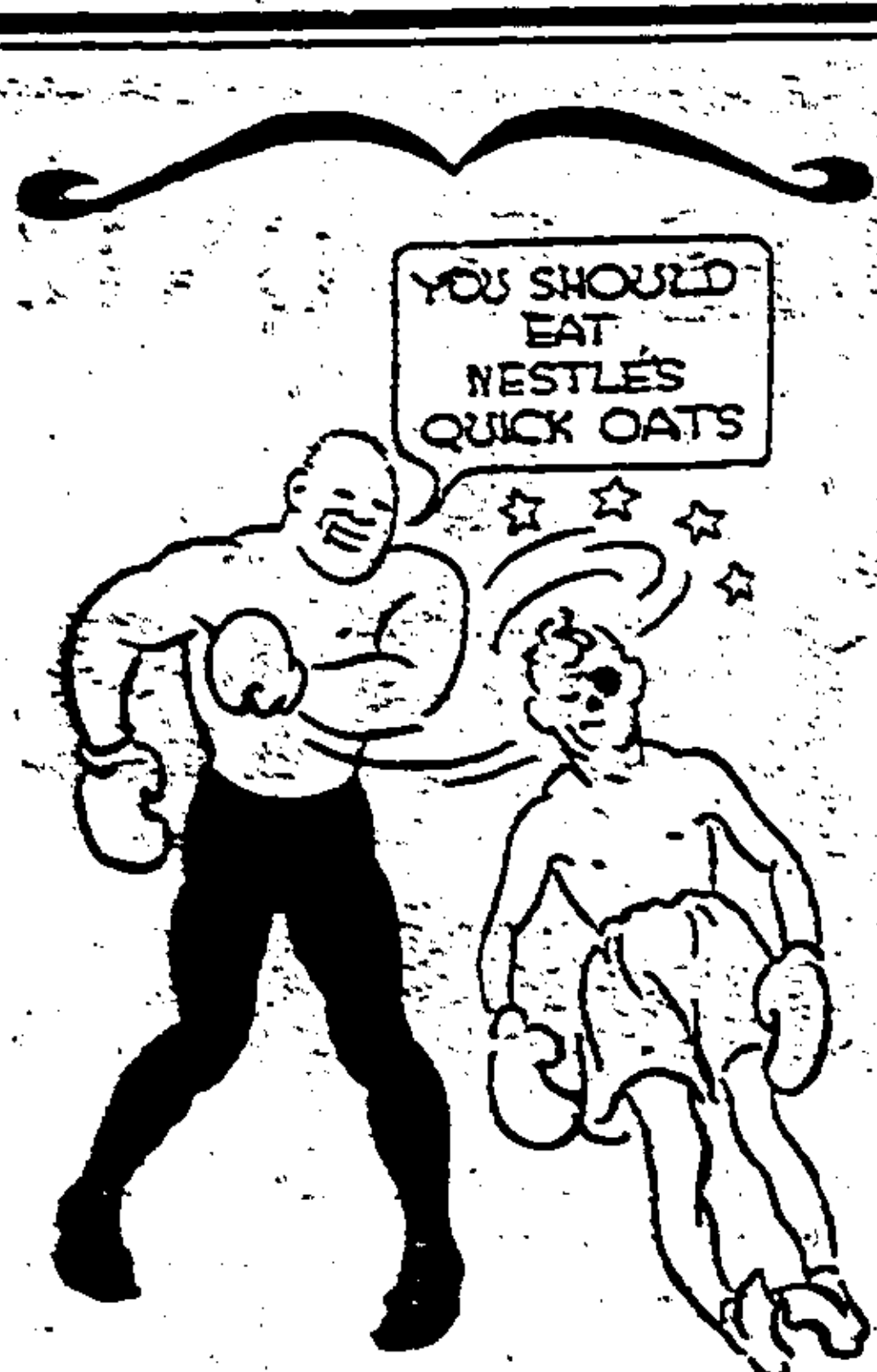


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GANDHI PLAN ADOPTED

PARTY TO ACCEPT OFFICE WITH VITAL PROVISOS

New Delhi, To-day.

After thirteen hours of discussions, the All-India Congress Committee has adopted, by 127 votes to 70, an amended resolution authorising and permitting acceptance of office in the provinces, where Congress commands a majority in the Legislature.

THERE IS A PROVISIO THAT MINISTERSHIP SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS THE LEADER OF THE CONGRESS PARTY IN THE LEGISLATURE IS SATISFIED AND ABLE TO STATE PUBLICLY THAT THE GOVERNOR WILL NOT USE HIS SPECIAL POWERS OF INTERFERENCE OR SET ASIDE THE ADVICE OF HIS MINISTERS REGARDING THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES.

The fact that the resolution in favour of acceptance of office was carried by a large majority is regarded as evidence that Mahatma Gandhi and his methods still dominate Congress.

The argument of the Gandhi group appears to be that efforts should be made to carry out the Congress programme constitutionally, and if Congress forms ministries there will be no deliberate attempt to create deadlocks.

Gandhi's Argument

It is argued that if a deadlock arises it will come from the Governors' restriction of the Congress programme, and then the whole position would be reconsidered by the Congress working committee.

A feature of yesterday's meeting was the comparative failure of the

Socialist element, which is regarded as demonstrating that it is not yet able to seriously challenge Gandhi's sway.—Reuter.

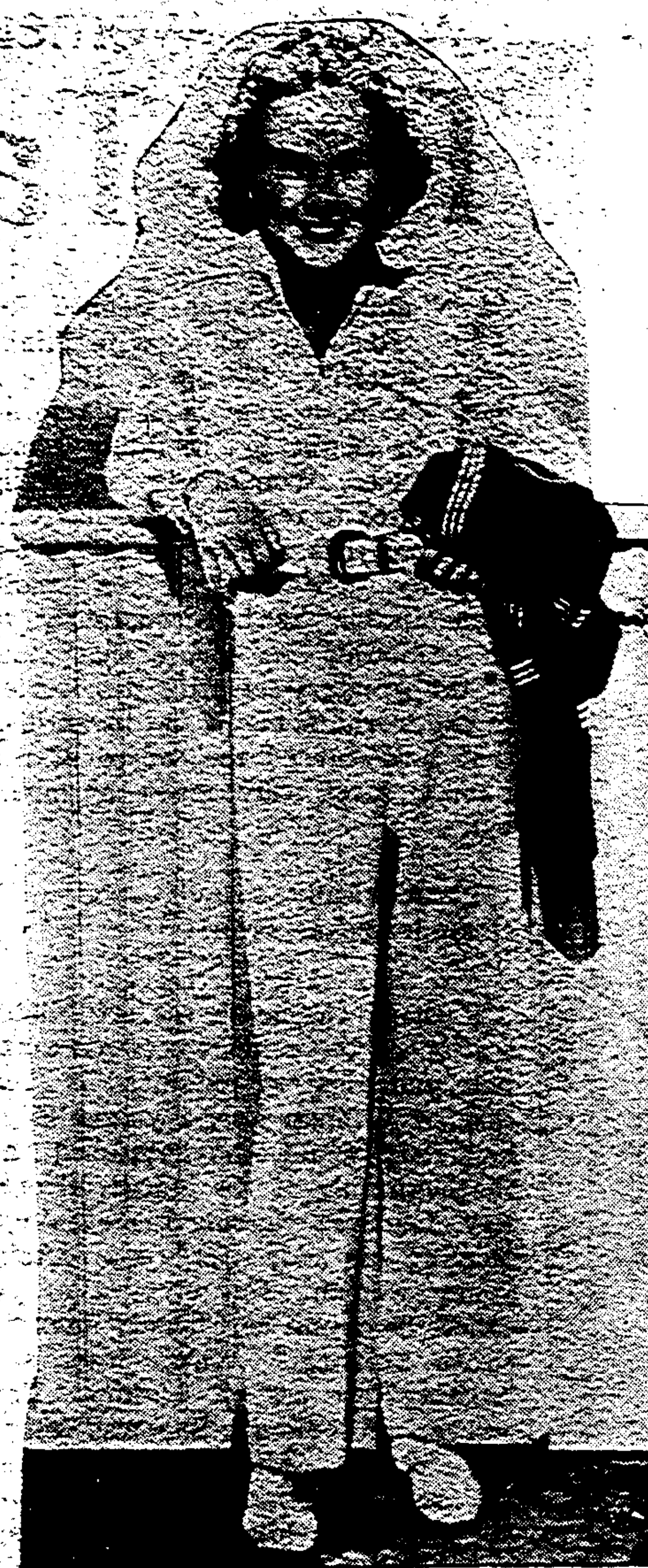
TIN SHORTAGE

Committee Issues No Statement

London, To-day.

Tin circles are of the opinion that yesterday's meeting of the International Committee dealt with routine matters and are hence not surprised that no communique was issued.

Well-informed quarters stress that as long as demand continues at the present rate, there is little or nothing the International Committee can do which would alleviate the existing tightness.—Reuter.



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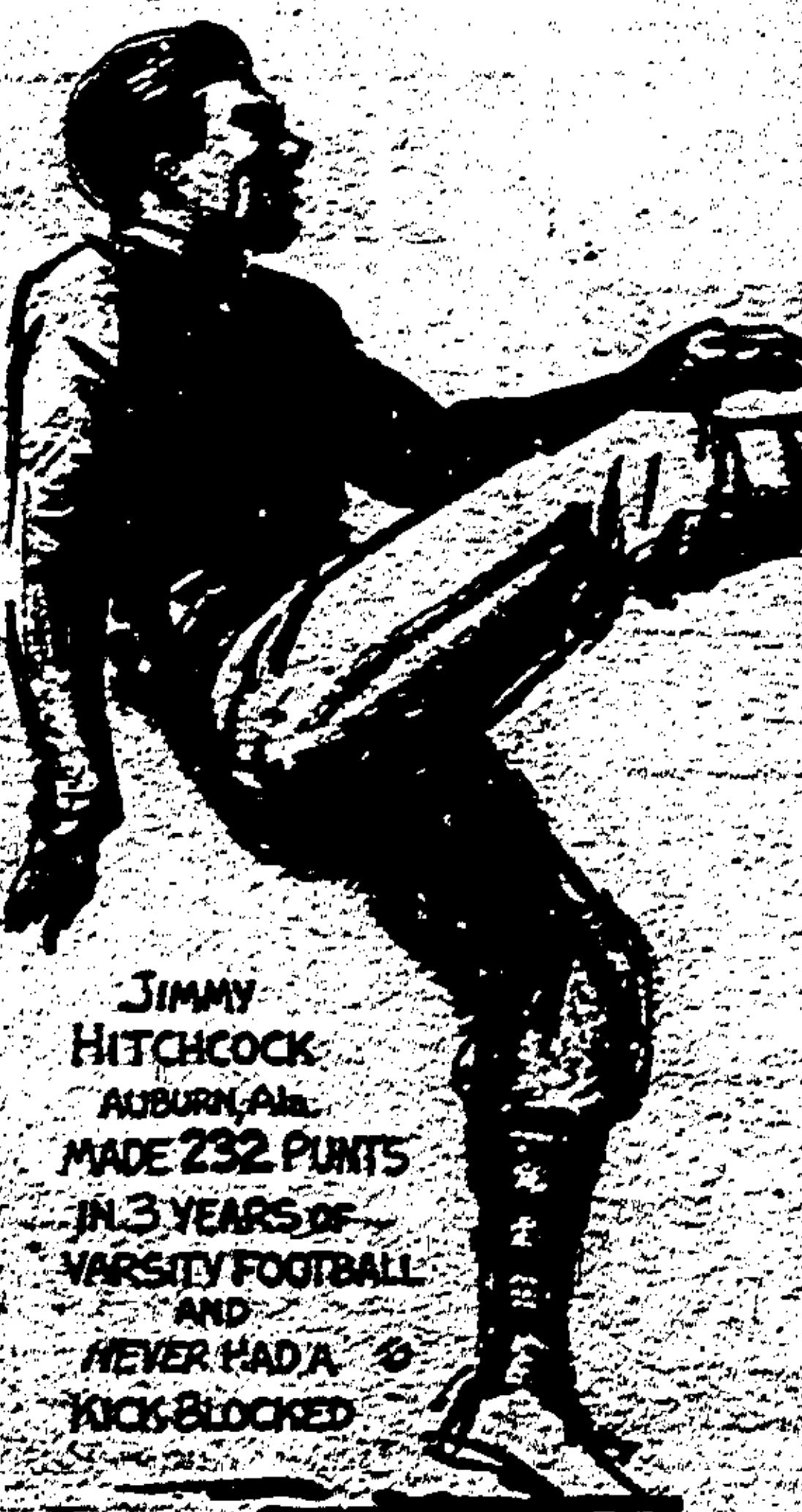
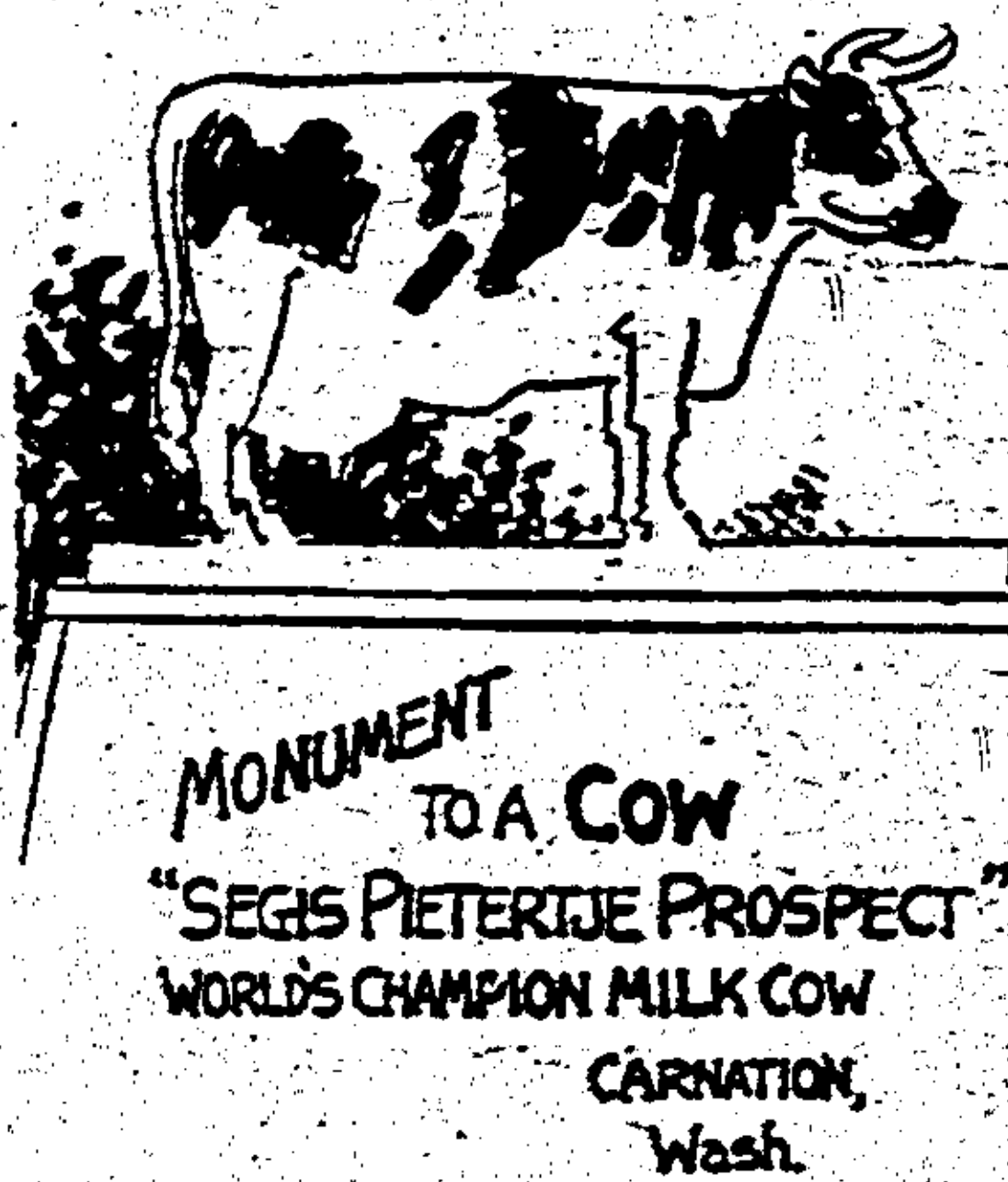
By George McManus



AND HOW YOUR SISTER MARY ELLEN WOULD PULL THE SHUTTERS AND PEEP THROUGH AT THE NEIGHBORS AS THEY MOVED IN. REMEMBER THE TIME I PUSHED A KEY THROUGH A KEY HOLE—AN' WASN'T SHE MAD? IT WENT RIGHT IN HER EYE—



"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



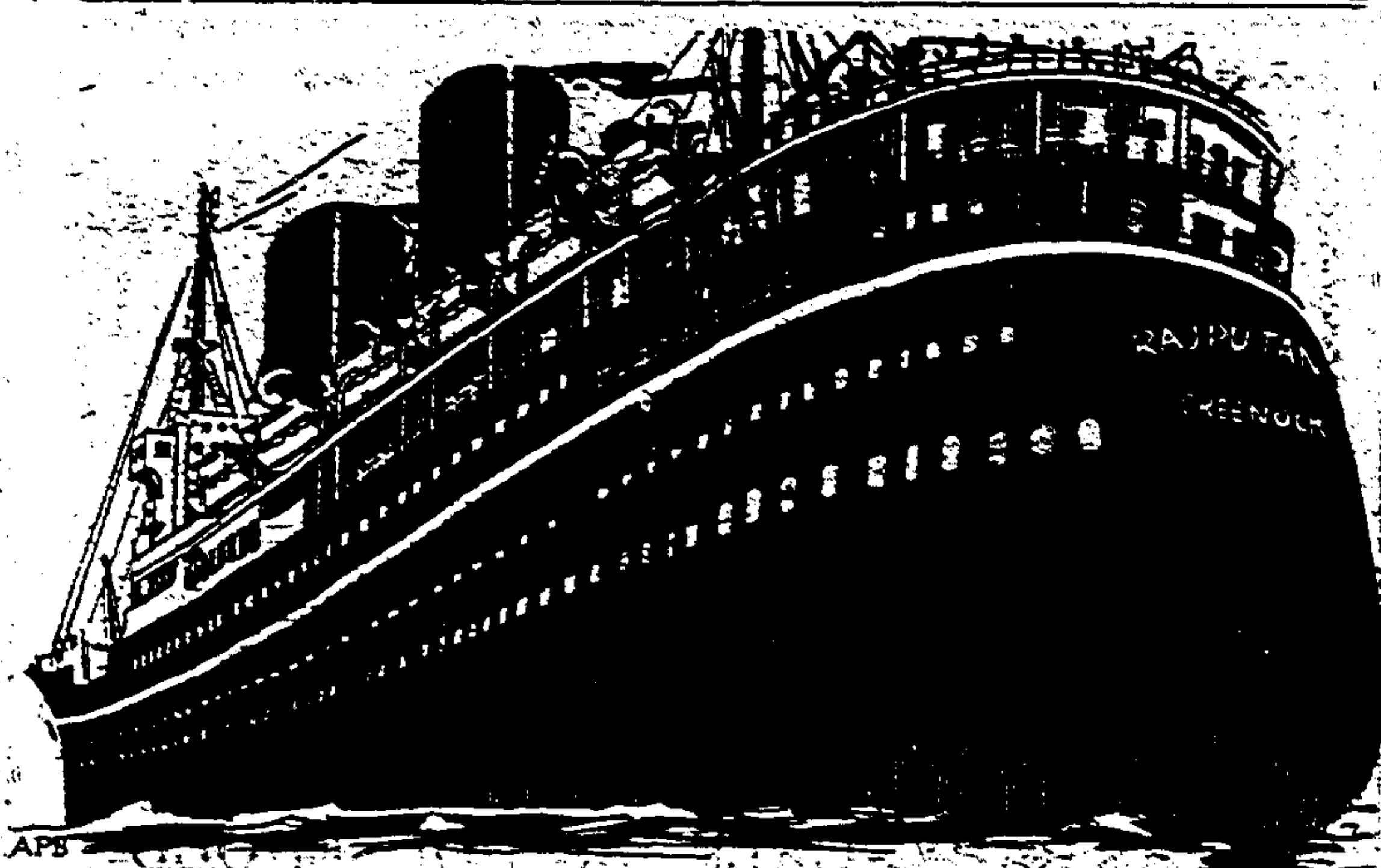
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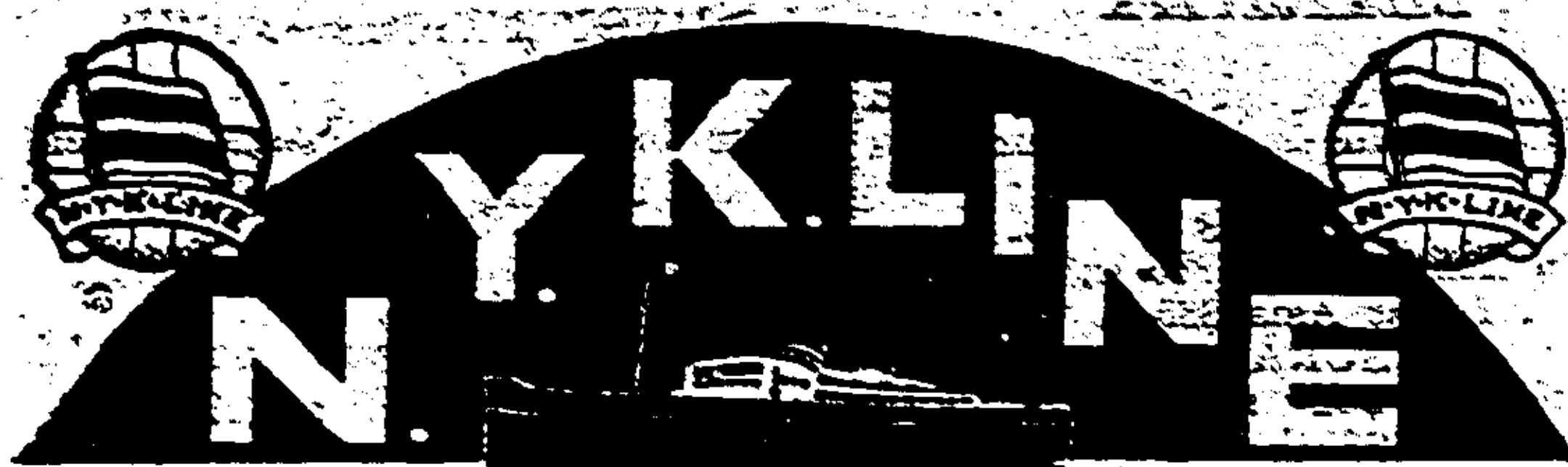
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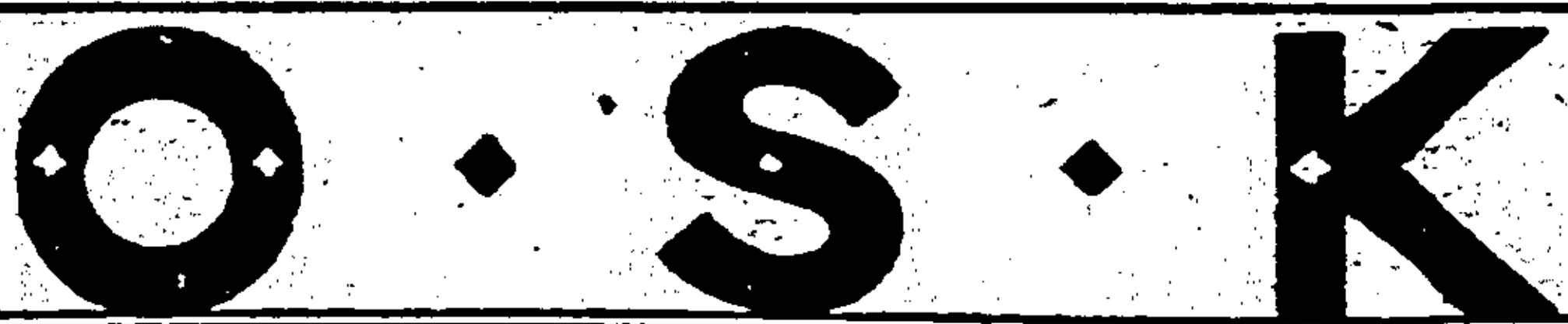
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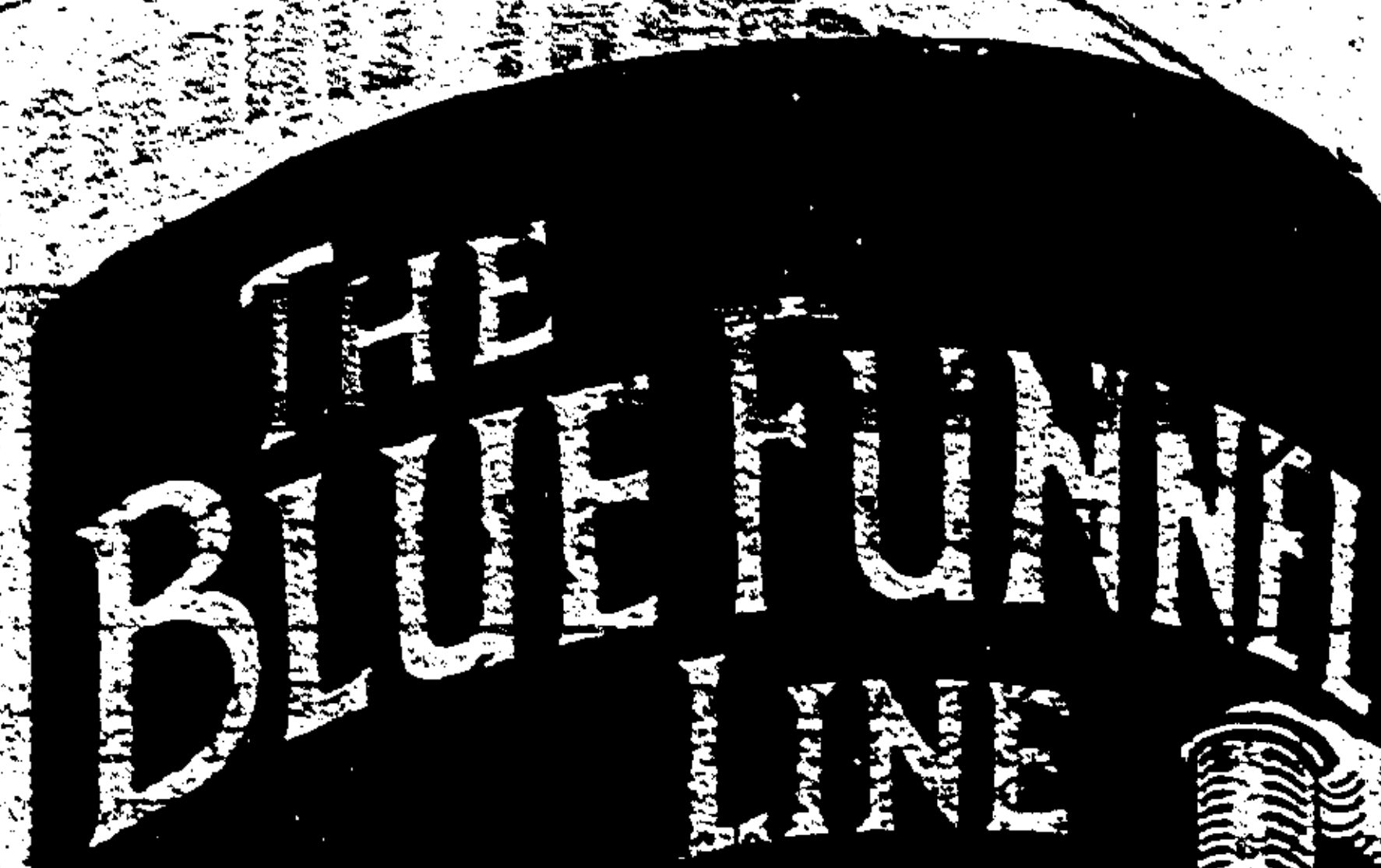
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BANKS		
Hong Kong Bank	\$1860 s., 1860 sa.	
Bank of East Asia	\$85 b.	
INSURANCES		
Canton Ins.	\$320 sa.	
Union Ins.	\$630 b.	
H.K. Fire Ins.	\$295 b.	
SHIPPING		
Douglases	\$36 b.	
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.		
H. H. and K. Wharves	\$114½ b., \$115 sa.	
H. K. and W. Docks	\$31 b., \$31½/32 sa.	
Providents (Old)	\$2.30 s., \$2.30 sa.	
Providents (New)	20 cts. b.	
MINING		
Raub's	\$12.85 b.	
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.		
H. K. and S. Hotels	\$7.35 b., \$7.30/-35 sa.	
H. K. Lands	\$36 b. \$36½ s., \$36/-36½ sa.	
H. K. Realities	\$5.80 b., \$5.80 sa.	
PUBLIC UTILITIES		
H. K. Tramways	\$15.20 b., \$15.40 sa.	
Peak Trams (Old)	\$4½ b.	
Star Ferries	\$38½ b., \$39/89½ sa.	
Yaumati Ferries	\$25½ b.	
China Lights (Old)	\$14.80 b., \$14-90/15 sa.	
China Lights (New)	\$11.70 b., \$11.80 sa.	
H. K. Electrics	\$58½ b., \$58½/59 sa.	
Sandakan Light	\$11½ b.	
Telephones (Old)	\$30½ b., \$30¾ sa.	
Telephones (New)	\$12.10 b.	
INDUSTRIALS		
Cements	\$15 s., \$15 sa.	
H. K. Ropes	\$4½ b., \$4½/60 sa.	
STORES, &C.		
Dairy Farms	\$27½ s.	
Watsons	\$5.65 b., \$5.65/¾ sa.	
Lane, Crawfords	\$8½ b., \$8/8¾ sa.	
COTTON MILLS		
Ewo Cottons Sh.	\$16.30 s., \$16.35/40 sa.	
Shanghai Cottons (Old)	Sh. \$118 b.	
Shanghai Cottons (New)	Sh. \$93 b.	
MISCELLANEOUS		
Constructions (New)	45 cts. b.	
Vibro Piling	\$7 b., \$7 sa.	
	Opening 10 a.m. in Pesos	B. L. Sa. C. L. C.
Antamoks	1.50	
Atoks	.45	
Baguio Gold	.29½	
Balatoc Mining	.14½	
Benguet Consol.	.13¾	X D
Benguet Explor.	.17½	
Big Wedge	.30½	
Coco Grove	.63	
Consolidated Mines	.043	
Demonstrations	.94	
E. Mindanao	.36	
Gumans G'field	.26	
Ipo Gold	.29	
I. X. L.	1.50	
Itogons	1.45	
Masbate Consol.	.44½	
Min. Resources	.39	
Northern Mining	.13	
Paracale Gumans	.70	
Salacot Mining	.7	
San Mauricio	2.90	
Snyoc Consol.	.44	
United Paracales	.97	

COMMODITY PRICES

The following quotations have been received by Reuter:—

	Prev.	Yesterday
	Closing	Closing
New York Cotton:		
May	14.29	14.13
July	14.18	13.99
October	13.57	13.41
December	13.50	13.36
January	13.51	13.39
Spot	14.88	14.73
Chicago Wheat:		
March	25.00n	25.45n
May	25.08	25.49
July	25.18	25.51
September	25.19	25.52
December	25.22	25.52
New York Rubber:		
May	138	139
July	123½	124¾
September	121¾	122¾
Chicago Corn:		
May	109½	110¾
July	105½	106¾
September	100¾	101¾
Winnipeg Wheat:		
May	136¾	138
July	133¾	134¾
October	124	125

LOCAL DOLLAR

Silver Prices Down

The local dollar is steady, opening on demand this morning at 1/2-21/32.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 20½ and "forward" at 20¾.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.8363.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co. received the following quotations from Singapore in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Spot 42½ b. Up 1½.
April-June 43½ b. Up 1½.
July-Sept. 43½ b. Up 1½.
Oct-Dec. 43½ b. Up 1½.
Market:—Firm.

PRICES RISING IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

A further increase in prices in France was recorded during the first half of March, wholesale prices having risen by 3 per cent.

For the first time since Premier Leon Blum took office an increase in the price of electricity has also been recorded.—Trans-Ocean.

Bank Of England Dividend

London, To-day.

A half-yearly dividend of six per cent., payable on April 5, was declared by the Bank of England at its shareholders' meeting yesterday.

Profits for the half year ending February 18 were \$664,967.—Trans-Ocean.

SCOTCH MASONS

King's Message To Lodge

A letter from King George VI, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, written when he was Duke of York, was contained in a minute submitted on February 4 to the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. The letter conveyed congratulations to all members of Grand Lodge on the excellent manner in which their general arrangements were carried out for the recent bicentenary celebrations, and added:—"I feel sure that deputations and visiting brethren must have been greatly impressed not only with the dignity and simplicity of the installation ceremony but also with the friendly hospitality which they met on all sides."

Sir Iain Colquhoun, Acting Grand Master Mason, said that he had been asked by the Grand Master Mason to express to Grand Lodge his thanks for their friendly welcome when he came to Edinburgh and his deep and earnest congratulations on that he could only hope had been the magnificent success of the bicentenary celebrations.

Five persons were killed by an avalanche at Yamagata and over 20 others were injured when another avalanche overturned a train in Hokkaido during blizzards which are sweeping North-Eastern Japan.

HONG KONG MINE FOUR-YEAR PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Among the arrivals in Hong Kong in the Empress of Canada were: L. R. Nielson, president of L. R. Nielson & Company, accompanied by George T. Scholey, chief engineer for the Nielson interests. With them was Mr. Fowler, who will remain in Hong Kong and who will be in charge of the mining and milling developments at Hong Kong Mines.

Construction work on the mill at Lin Ma Hang will be started at once under the supervision of Mr. Nielson and Mr. Scholey. It is expected that a new record for the Orient will be made at Lin Ma Hang in the time required for mill construction.

Mr. Nielson announces that his company recently signed a contract to manage the property of the Camp 4 Mining Company located in Baguio vicinity.

Also with Mr. Nielson was Mr. W. W. Harris, president of the Paracale Gumau Mining Company, a property which is being managed by Nielson & Co., Inc. Mr. Harris stated that, with only 60 feet to go and progress being made at the rate of more than 8 feet per day, the Water-fall Vein should be cut by March 25. Mr. Harris continued on the Empress of Canada to the United States and from there he will go to Europe, thence back to Manila.

LOCAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Weekly Return

In the Colony of Hong Kong during last week, there were 34 traffic accidents, in which 13 persons were injured.

Eight were pedestrians, who were either walking or running across the road and were struck by vehicles. One lorry driver and a passenger were injured when their vehicle ran off the roadway. Two tramcar passengers were injured while alighting from moving tramcars. A private car passenger was injured when the vehicle ran into a tree.

Of the 34 accidents, 15 were collisions between vehicles; 9 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; and 10 accidents were due to other causes.

Vehicles	Numbers
Private Motor Car	17
Motor Lorry	10
Public Motor Car	7
Motor Bus	2
Tramcar	5
Bicycles	2
Rickshaws	5

IN GERMANY Synthetic Staple Fibres

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

How much synthetic staple fibre Germany is actually producing at present and how great ultimate production will be, was yesterday announced for the first time in the semi-official journal, "The Four-Year Plan."

The year 1936 saw a consumption of 43,000 tons of staple fibre, as against only 8,000 tons in the preceding year.

The output for 1937 is estimated at more than double that of 1936, and will bring a welcome relaxation of the difficulties in supplying German textile industries with raw materials.

By the end of 1937 the present productive capacity of about 75,000 tons will have been raised to about 150,000 tons, or twice the amount.

Whereas in 1933 monthly production of staple fibre in Germany was only about 275 tons, the monthly output from January next year will be from 11,000 to 12,000 tons.

The output will be divided between eight firms.

The journal concludes by saying that staple fibre has only begun to assert its place in the textile world but one day will radically change the textile industry of the entire world.—Trans-Ocean.

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MR. LIANG RIDES TWO GOOD RACES

WARM RECEPTION FOR MR. CHARLES

MR. DAVIS RIDES THREE WINNERS

(By "RAPIER")

FAVOURED BY FINE WEATHER, BUT REFRESHINGLY COOL THROUGHOUT, THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING LAST SATURDAY WAS VOTED AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS. THE TRACK WAS STILL ON THE SOFT SIDE, AS IT HAD NOT FULLY RECOVERED FROM THE CONTINUOUS DRIZZLE OF THE PREVIOUS DAYS. NEVERTHELESS, THE GOING WAS FAIRLY FAST, AND SOME KEEN RACING WAS WITNESSED.

It was indeed a pleasing feature of the meeting to see Mr. W. H. S. Davis come out on top as the most successful jockey. He fully deserved the honour, as he rode his three winners with perfect judgment. Mr. Leo Frost came next with two wins and two seconds in seven starts, but Mr. S. C. Liang came in for considerable attention when he brought in Pagan Love for a grand victory over Gordito, the 1937 champion subscription griffin. Mr. Liang later followed this up with another good win on Soldier of Peace to pay the biggest dividend of the day.

The sensation of the afternoon was the totally unexpected defeat of Gordito in the Tytam Handicap "A" Division. It was so unforeseen that it left its numerous backers utterly dumbfounded.

Those who backed Pagan Love—they were rewarded with the handsome dividend of \$37.20 for a win—will contend that the heavy burden of 168 lbs. had a telling effect on Gordito. I submit, however, that Mr. H. C. Pih, who rode Gordito, lost the race through an error of judgment. He fully believed that he had the race won, and failed to realise the imminent challenge of Pagan Love, which was very well handled by Mr. S. C. Liang. However, it was just plain racing luck, but I still have no hesitation in stating that Gordito is the better pony.

Foregone Conclusion

In the first race, the "Hay and Corn" Stakes, over five furlongs, the result was a foregone conclusion. As fully expected, Rose Evelyn again misbehaved itself before the start, and Mr. Frost had to struggle hard to get it into line, but the rise of the barrier saw Rose Evelyn jump ahead, and it gradually increased its lead and won in a canter, three lengths ahead of Stop-watch. I really thought that Racing Boy could do better than come in third, but evidently it has as yet to recover a bit of its past brilliance.

Mr. Yuen's Good Riding

Quite the best and most exciting finish of the day was witnessed in the second race, the Lofters Stakes, confined to novice jockeys, over seven furlongs. It was indeed a very creditable win for Mr. S. L. Yuen, who rode a clever race on Kum Shan, but I cannot help feeling that Mr.



Mr. W. H. S. Davis had three winners last Saturday.

Poy paid the penalty for keeping too far back on Rob Roy, which was made a strong favourite.

The race started with Kum Shan shooting out, followed close behind by Firefly (Mr. L. C. Harris), Centre Forward (Mr. C. F. Chiu), with Rob Roy a length in the rear. Coming into the straight, Mr. Yuen urged his mount on, and, despite a spirited challenge by Mr. Poy on Rob Roy, the verdict was a win for Kum Shan by a neck.

Mr. Charles' Fine Effort

In the race for Australian ponies, the Randwick Plate over one mile, Mr. W. H. S. Davis scored a popular win on Dick Turpin. For the major part of the journey, the ponies were far apart from each other, but coming into the straight it appeared as if The Right Time, with Mr. Charles up, might create an upset, but it had no finish. Dick Turpin came through with a powerful rush, leaving Twilight Star (Mr. Ip Kui-ying) four lengths behind to occupy second position, and The Right Time further back filling third place. On being led in, Mr. Charles, the veteran jockey, was given a warm reception, the racing public paying a well deserved tribute

to a great-hearted rider for a gallant attempt.

Honeymoon Eve Unplaced

Only four ponies faced the starter in the "All Out" Stakes, over six furlongs, and it was certainly a disappointment to its supporters to see Honeymoon Eve unplaced. The race itself was uninteresting, as Oak Bay jumped out to take the lead and finished two lengths in front of Mistake Bay. A few lengths from the finish it looked as if Rose-Queen might secure second position, but forceful riding by Mr. Frost enabled Mistake Bay to secure the verdict by the narrowest margin.

Gordito's Defeat

The first leg of the "Daily Double," the Tytam Handicap "A" Division, over one mile, provided one of the biggest upsets seen on the local track for a long time. Gordito (Mr. H. C. Pih) carried no less than 696 tickets for the "Double," and its totally unexpected defeat by Pagan Love will long be remembered.

The start of the race saw Gordito trailing behind, but on passing the Rock it was among the leaders on the outside. Coming into the straight, Gordito responded well and with another hundred yards to go it looked as if it was all over. Pagan Love, however, came up from behind with a great burst and, realising the danger of defeat, Mr. Pih was forced to use his whip, but it was to no avail. Mr. C. L. Gregory did well to bring Whalsey into third place, and this combination will certainly need watching in future outings.

Gladiator Wins

Although five ponies started in the Hong Kong Handicap "A" Division, only four finished, as Mr. S. L. Yuen became unseated and had to lead his pony back from the half mile post. In the absence of both Bear Claw and Diana Bay, Mr. Frost was given the mount on Gladiator, with Mr. Black riding Commencement Bay. The race was fairly fast, Mr. Frost taking the precaution of keeping Gladiator in front, a lead it maintained and, despite an attempt by Mr. Pih on Soldier of Britain to get in front, Gladiator won easily. Soldier of Britain had the better of Cossack's Beauty for second position, whereas Commencement Bay trailed many lengths behind.

"Double" Upset

In the second leg of the "Daily Double," the Tytam Handicap "B" Division, backers had another rude shock, as National Faith was strongly supported but finished nowhere. Evidently the mile distance was a little too far for it, and it will probably do better over a shorter distance. Mr. Ip Kui-ying revealed sound judgment when he brought in Feudal Knight to win, but with another few yards more to go Mac's Adventure would have won. It finished very strongly, and had Mr. R. M. Wood only applied the whip a little earlier the result might have been different. Persian Cat (Mr. S. Y. Liang), which was only defeated by a short head for second place, was also well supported.

Biggest Dividend

The biggest dividend of the day was paid by Soldier of Peace, which was cleverly ridden by Mr.



Mr. S. L. Yuen, above, rode a clever race on Kum Shan last Saturday.

S. C. Liang in the Hong Kong Handicap "B" Division. The race was most interesting, and the result in doubt right up to the end.

Tyne, with Mr. Frost up, took the lead, but I did not believe that it had the stamina to last 1¼ miles, though it kept plodding ahead and was only defeated by a head. The ponies were fairly well bunched behind Tyne, but I noticed that Mr. Y. T. Fung was content to leave King's Lead in the rear. Had he but made an attempt to join the leaders just before rounding the bend, instead of making his challenge coming into the straight, King's Lead might have won. Mr. S. C. Liang, however, very wisely applied his whip at the right moment, and, amidst great excitement, Soldier of Peace caught Tyne and won by a head. King's Lead was another short head behind, finishing very strongly.

His Third Win

The last race of the day, the Moonie Ponds Handicap, finished as expected, Mr. W. H. S. Davis scoring his third win when he brought in Centre Court half a length in front of Bag Tor. The race was fairly fast, with Ranger (Mr. Black) and Snowy River (Mr. Frost) making most of the running. Vixen Tor (Mr. L. P. Ralph) was leading on rounding the bend, but Mr. Davis brought Centre Court through to a popular win. Here again Mr. C. L. Gregory did exceptionally well to come in second on Bag Tor to pay \$37.50 for a place. Vixen Tor was third. Bag Tor will need watching in its next outing.

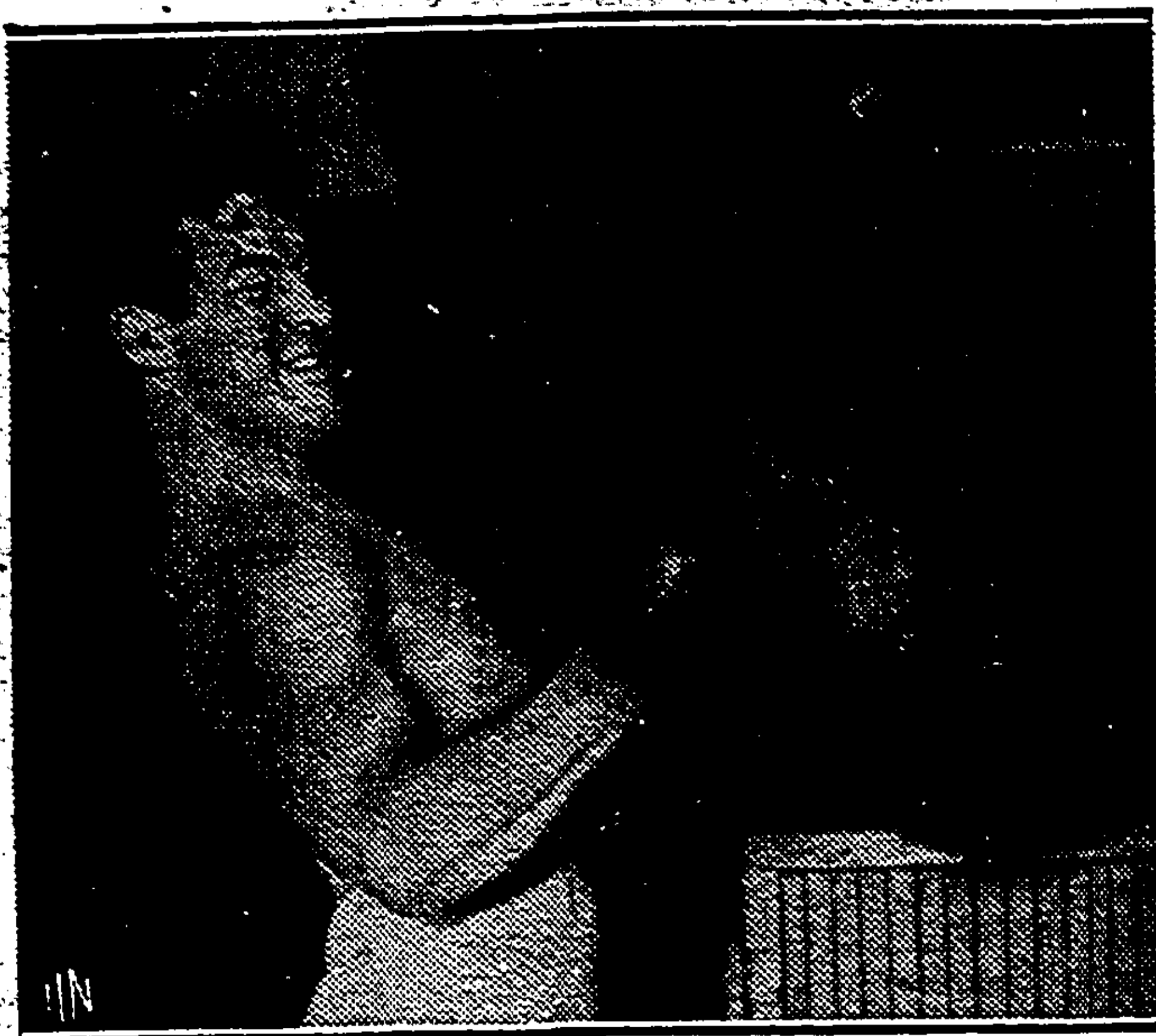
STARTERS FOR THE GRAND NATIONAL

The following are the probable starters for the Grand National which is being run at Aintree to-day, and their riders:—

Golden Miller (Danny Morgan),
Colleen (Fawcus),
Dawmar (Richardson),
Tapinois (Maxwell),
De La Chance (Rimell),
Crown Prince (Mr. Sturt),
Flying Minutes (Hobbs),
Kilbot (Captain Harding),
Passing Fancy (Holland),
Irvine (Mr. Parker),
Blaze (Parvin).

—Rout.

PAUL KONG DEFEATS JOE LEONARD



Proving that his injured right is in shape again, Maxie Baer, former world heavyweight champion, slugs the big bag at San Francisco, as rumours spread that he will meet Bob Pastor in a comeback bout.

DAVIS CUP PLAYER IN DEADLY MOOD SPIN SERVICES REAP RICH REWARD

A. M. RODRIGUES IN LIMELIGHT

(By "ADREM")

PAUL KONG, former Chinese Davis Cup player, yesterday entered the Third Round of the Open Singles Tennis Championship of the Colony at the expense of Joe Leonard, the tenacious Craigengower player. Kong won in straight sets, the scores being 6-3, 6-4.

IN MANY RESPECTS THIS GAME WAS RATHER DISAPPOINTING, GENERAL OPINION BEING THAT THE ISSUE WOULD ONLY BE DECIDED AFTER A PROLONGED STRUGGLE. AS IT HAPPENED, IT WAS ALL OVER IN NOT MORE THAN 30 MINUTES.

An unfortunate feature was the encroachment of the spectators on to the sidelines with the result that a sharply angled shot was almost impossible to return.

Leonard was more seriously inconvenienced than his opponent as Kong, serving from the corner of the court and imparting a great deal of spin to the ball, made it go away so much that on many occasions, it was quite impossible to return it, and Leonard made little effort to.

POOR CONDITIONS

To a player as temperamental as Leonard, this proved most upsetting and without wishing to detract from the merit of the winner's display, I feel that a much better game would have been witnessed if the conditions had been better.

Kong played masterly tennis and exploited a much larger repertoire of strokes than Leonard. Taking advantage of the damp court, he combined powerful driving into the corners on both hands, with cleverly disguised drop-shots and planned his net coups with great skill. He did not reveal one really weak point in a clever display.

Leonard never really looked comfortable and probably due to the slippery court, failed to make those disconcerting returns off apparent winners that have marked his game in the past. I feel that if he had adhered more to his old policy of lobbing, instead of attempting passing shots and slowed up the game a little more, he may have tired Kong and carried the game the whole distance, with better results to himself.

QUICK LEAD

Kong adapted himself very quickly to the conditions and ran away with a three love lead before Leonard seemed to realise what it was all about. The latter then came back so strongly, and won the next three game with such ease, that one felt that he would not be stopped. Kong won the seventh, but in the next, Leonard obviously worried by the lack of space on the sidelines, lost this very vital game and subsequently the set.

The second set provided a ding-dong struggle with both players holding their service games until the tenth game when Kong broke through to win the match with a brilliant passing shot which gave Leonard no chance.

RODRIGUES SHINES

A. M. Rodrigues was the outstanding player in the doubles en-



counter, partnered by L. A. Silva against H. P. Ong and J. Hsu, of the University. Rodrigues gave a brilliant all round display and ably supported by his partner, never appeared in any danger of defeat even after the University pair secured the second set. The winners went out in an irresistible spurt and won the final stanza without the concession of a game.

Owing to the fact that Y. N. Tam has fractured his leg, the other doubles match on the programme was not played. Wong Shin-wing and Luk-Ding-cheong were conceded a walkover.

RESULTS

Open Singles

Paul Kong beat J. W. Leonard 6-3, 6-4.

Open Doubles

A. M. Rodrigues and L. A. Silva beat H. P. Ong and J. Hsu 6-2, 6-3, 6-0.

Wong Shin-wing and Luk-Ding-cheong received a w/o from Y. N. Tam and S. Wong.

Club Championship Singles

A. S. Read beat E. M. Wood 4-6, 6-4, 8-6.

Club Handicap Doubles

G. W. Sewell and E. Bathurst beat A. H. McBride and N. K. Littlejohn 6-3, 7-5.

G. E. R. Divett and B. O'M. Deane beat A. T. Dow and H. D. Bidwell 6-2, 6-4.

THREE SINGLES TENNIS MATCHES TO-DAY

A programme of three matches in the Colony Open Singles Lawn Tennis Championship will be held this afternoon, E. C. Fincher's game against P. F. Tsoi, having been unavoidably postponed.

Frank Kwok, the C.R.C. left-hander, should experience little difficulty in entering the next round at the expense of C. P. Ip, although damp conditions may favour the latter.

In the other encounters a keenly contested match should be witnessed when S. S. Hussain, of the

K.I.T.C., meets Wei Chung. The former should win having a better repertoire of strokes, while his overhead work is generally good.

A. Warr, runner-up to G. E. Clark in the Army Singles Championship, will meet S. W. Liang in the remaining game and the latter should win.

An interesting encounter should be witnessed in the Club Handicap Doubles when Pagh and Thomson encounter Marton and Evans.

The following is to-day's programme:—

Open Singles

Wei Chung v S. S. Hussain
F. H. Kwok v C. P. Ip
A. Warr v S. W. Liang

Club Championship

F. V. Harrison v A. C. I. Bowker
J. C. Pool v V. R. Gordon

Club Handicap Singles

D. S. Robb (+15) v A. H. McBride (+2.6)

Club Handicap Doubles

M. Pagh and J. Thomson (-5.6) v O. C. E. Marton and E. D. Evans (-15.4)

C. C. Stark and F. A. Joseph (scr.) v J. Rodger and G. S. Rodger (-5.6)

COLONY ATHLETIC MEETING

LOCAL BODY MUST BE FORMED

MANY SPORTSMEN WOULD BENEFIT

It is remarkable that with all the interest displayed by the Services, schools and Clubs in track and field athletic events, there is still no Athletic Association in the Colony, nor are there any recognised Colony championships.

Many will recall the success which attended the annual athletic meetings held under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club, when the Colony championships were held, but since this club has discontinued holding such meets, nothing has been done to revive the championships.

That there is a great need for such an Association is evident from the existence of many athletes in the Colony at present. The Hong Kong Area sports showed that there were many good runners available while the different schools have revealed some promising youngsters.

WORLD OLYMPIAD

Another reason why a move should be made to form such an Association is that at the Tokyo Olympiad, athletes from other countries will probably pass through

THREE HOME RUGBY GAMES YESTERDAY

London, To-day.

Several Rugby matches were played yesterday, Oxfordshire beating Middlesex in a County match by 33 points to 20.

Newport secured a close victory over the Dark Blues by 12 points to 9, while Neath were held to a draw at home by Swansea, each side scoring three points. In the remaining game Birkenhead beat the Club at Blackheath by 14 points to 10.—Reuter.

Hong Kong en route and advantage should be taken of their presence here to see them in action.

There should be no lack of support or co-operation in the formation of this Association, from the Army, from whom the greater part of the athletes will be drawn.

The Chinese Clubs will also greatly benefit by the competition offered, and thus assist them in preparing for the China National Games held at Shanghai and at Nanking alternatively.

KOWLOON MARATHON EVENT COMING

One of the main sporting events in the Colony will take place on Tuesday, March 30, when the 16th annual Kowloon Marathon Race, under the auspices of St. Andrew's Club, will be held starting from St. Andrew's Church, Nathan Road at 4.30 p.m.

It is learned that R. Hamilton, who in clocking 33 mins. 21 secs. last year reduced the record time by 4 seconds, will be defending his title.

2ND DIVISION CRICKET AVERAGES

KENNETH BAXTER'S CONSISTENCY

L/CPL. CARTER HEADS BOWLERS

B. G. BAKER CAPTURES 43 WICKETS

(By "ADREM")

IN DISTINCT CONTRAST TO THE BATTING AVERAGES OF THE SENIOR CRICKET LEAGUE, THE JUNIOR FIGURES ARE REMARKABLY HIGH. E. R. A. TRIGG, OF THE NAVY, HEADS THE LIST FOLLOWED BY P. C. FROST, OF THE HONG KONG C.C., BUT BOTH THESE PLAYERS HAVE HAD COMPARATIVELY FEW INNINGS.

EASILY THE MOST MERITORIOUS RETURNS ARE THOSE OF K. M. BAXTER, THE YOUTHFUL K.C.C. OPENING BAT, WHO HAS AN AVERAGE OF 51.75 FOR AN AGGREGATE OF 414 IN 11 INNINGS. Q.M.S. MORETON HAS AMASSED 338 RUNS, ALSO IN 11 INNINGS.

L/CPL. CARTER, OF ARMY "C", IS AT THE TOP OF THE BOWLERS WITH 5.50, BUT B. G. BAKER HAS CAPTURED NO LESS THAN 43 WICKETS.

SECOND DIVISION — BATTING

(Qualification—Two completed innings average of 15 and over).

	Inns.	H.S.	Out	Aggr.	Avg.
E. R. A. Trigg (Navy)	4	71	2	166	83.00
P. C. Frost (H.K.C.C.)	3	76	1	151	75.50
K. M. Baxter (K.C.C.)	11	97	3	414	51.75
Sgt. Daniels (Army "A")	7	62*	2	227	45.40
Cpl. Wateridge (Army "B")	9	39	3	271	45.17
J. E. Potter (H.K.C.C.)	3	60*	1	86	43.00
V. C. Bond (H.K.C.C.)	6	27*	4	83	41.50
I. S. Forbes (H.K.C.C.)	2	64	0	83	41.50
Bdr. Baker (Army "A")	6	93*	1	245	40.90
W. C. Hung (K.C.C.)	4	68	1	111	37.00
R. Baldwin (K.C.C.)	6	50*	2	143	35.75
Tel. Bennett (Navy)	2	49	0	70	35.00
K. M. Bumjahn (I.R.C.)	6	65	2	139	34.75
L/Cpl. Moore (Army "B")	9	78	3	196	32.67
L/Cpl. Whitehead (Army "C")	7	108*	1	196	32.67
A. E. Mackenzie (H.K.C.C.)	8	56*	2	194	32.33
S. A. Gray (K.C.C.)	5	55*	3	64	32.00
E. Bathurst (H.K.C.C.)	6	71	1	153	30.66
Q. M. S. Moreton (Army "B")	11	63	0	338	30.07
Spr. Hoddinott (Army "B")	5	62	0	142	28.40
A. Baker (I.R.C.)	7	57*	2	142	28.40
J. Barrow (C.S.C.C.)	4	38*	1	84	28.00
Cpl. Shipp (Army "B")	10	73	0	270	27.00
P. O'N. Dunne (K.C.C.)	6	60	1	134	26.80
A. K. Suffiad (I.R.C.)	6	60	1	132	26.40
W. L. Clarke (Police)	9	54	3	154	25.67
A. M. Prata (Recreio)	9	63*	1	202	25.25
S. Loughlin (Police)	9	45*	2	174	24.86
H. T. Barma (I.R.C.)	5	49	0	120	24.00
Walker (Navy)	2	42	0	46	23.00
Cpl. Hopcroft (Army "B")	10	77	1	206	22.89
T. A. Madar (K.C.C.)	2	44	0	45	22.50
R. M. M. King (H.K.C.C.)	7	54*	2	111	22.22
H. Danbrowski (Police)	8	47*	3	111	22.20
W. A. Reed (Recreio)	9	46	0	195	21.67
Q. M. S. Eaton (Army "A")	6	42	1	108	21.60
S/Sgt. Collins (Army "A")	10	73	1	194	21.55
G. A. V. Hall (K.C.C.)	3	29	0	64	21.33
J. L. Stephens (Police)	10	58	1	187	20.78
Maj. Davies (Army "C")	6	32*	2	82	20.50
Surg. Lt. Davenport (Navy)	3	42	0	61	20.33
W. Mulcahy (K.C.C.)	10	69	0	199	19.96
A. E. Carey (Police)	10	50	0	198	19.80
Lt. Comdr. D'Arcy-Evans (Navy)	10	82	0	194	19.40
B. G. Baker (Police)	9	29*	2	133	19.66
G. A. Lee (C.C.C.)	10	57	0	184	18.40
C. G. Agnew (H.K.C.C.)	4	40	0	72	18.00
E. R. A. Holland (Navy)	4	62	0	70	17.50
R. G. Robinson (C.S.C.C.)	5	48	0	86	17.20
T. E. Yeoh (C.C.C.)	9	30	0	153	17.06
Pte. Dickenson (Army "C")	8	37	1	118	16.86
E. Souza (C.C.C.)	3	29	0	50	16.67
H. E. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	10	61	0	165	16.50
L/Cpl. Galvanthay (Army "B")	8	46	0	129	16.12
A. Kitchell (C.C.C.)	6	23*	3	48	16.00
C. Pong (Police)	9	45	0	144	16.00
J. N. Leonard (C.C.C.)	2	31	1	111	15.85
C. H. Teoh (University)	9	50	0	142	15.78
L/Cpl. Willer (Army "B")	7	47	0	108	15.43
L. G. Gosano (Recreio)	7	44	0	106	15.14
C. E. Galagan (H.K.C.C.)	7	42	0	106	15.14

* Indicates not out.

SECOND DIVISION — BOWLING

(Qualification—three matches, average of 20 and under).

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
L/Cpl. Carter (Army "C")	31.5	7	66	12	5.50
A. R. Kitchell (C.C.C.)	25.1	7	72	13	5.54
S. A. Gray (K.C.C.)	8	1	29	5	5.80
S/Sgt. Goodger (Army "A")	20	2	67	9	7.44
B. G. Baker (Police)	98.3	18	364	43	8.46
C. W. Haynes (C.S.C.C.)	28	9	61	7	8.71
W. L. McKenzie (K.C.C.)	65	8	203	23	8.83
W. Stoker (H.K.C.C.)	106.4	20	322	36	8.97
E. A. R. Alves (Recreio)	47.1	7	150	16	9.37
W. C. Hung (K.C.C.)	64	21	161	17	9.47
H. Danbrowski (Police)	6	0	29	3	9.67
Q. M. S. Moreton (Army "B")	68	17	194	20	9.70
Bdsman. King (Army "C")	84	8	272	27	10.08
Cpl. Apps (Army "A")	78.1	11	222	21	10.57
J. R. Way (H.K.C.C.)	11	2	44	4	11.00
A. M. Bumjahn (I.R.C.)	87	13	321	28	11.07
Tel. Jeffrey (Navy)	19	6	56	5	11.20
A. M. Prata (Recreio)	47	10	157	14	11.21
B. R. Iranee (C.C.C.)	112.1	24	360	32	11.25
G. C. Burnett (K.C.C.)	35.4	6	90	8	11.25
E. W. Hamilton (C.S.C.C.)	22.1	4	80	7	11.43
Spr. Bradford (Army "A")	93.1	25	305	25	12.20
P. O'N. Dunne (K.C.C.)	76.3	10	245	20	12.25
S/Sgt. Collins (Army "A")	22	1	75	6	12.50
Major Davies (Army "C")	44	6	137	11	12.46
C. E. Marques (Recreio)	34.5	5	144	11	13.09
C. W. Pope (Police)	112.1	29	335	25	13.40
L. Gosano (Recreio)	48	8	148	11	13.46
A. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	74.2	17	280	17	13.53
E. Bathurst (H.K.C.C.)	26.1	4	137	10	13.70
G. Hung Choy (University)	59	7	266	19	14.00
H. F. Westlake (C.S.C.C.)	36	3	154	11	14.00
Cpl. King (Army "C")	30.2	3	115	8	14.38
Cpl. Shipp (Army "B")	92.1	22	318	22	14.46
A. Baker (I.R.C.)	39.4	6	160	11	14.55
F. J. Ling (C.S.C.C.)	47.3	6	146	10	14.60
N. P. Fox (H.K.C.C.)	42	4	166	11	15.09
Capt. Power (Army "B")	45	9	137	9	15.22
Tel. Forster (Navy)	50	8	187	12	15.58
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	74.5	11	272	17	16.00
J. L. Stephens (Police)	5	0	33	2	16.50
Capt. Michell (Army "B")	61	14	220	13	16.92
W. K. Way (C.C.C.)	23.5	0	139	8	17.38
Y. Barma (I.R.C.)	11	0	70	4	17.50
C. B. Sargent (K.C.C.)	21	1	71	4	17.75
Utton (Navy)	31	8	71	4	17.75
K. M. Baxter (K.C.C.)	45.4	4	203	11	18.46
T. R. Hunter (Police)	37	3	174	9	19.33
Cpl. Hopcroft (Army "B")	69.4	13	259	13	19.92
Lt. Comdr. Barry (Navy)	11	0	60	3	20.00

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Week-End Soccer

By

"Linesman"

Did you ever hear of a football championship walking? Well, I did. This can be said of the Rifles, who are losing their grip on to the senior championship.

In totalling the goals for and against between our two leading teams, the Rifles and South China "A", I foresee the Chinese side taking over the First Division League leadership after their match against Eastern next Sunday afternoon, at Caroline Hill. That South China "A" will defeat Eastern is a foregone conclusion.

As the two teams stand to-day, the Rifles have 51 goals for, 22 against, and South China "A" have 49 goals for, 21 against, with one match to play! I cannot see South China losing this Sunday. Should the score not be over four clear goals, then I am going to be a very surprised person.

NOT IN BAG YET!

To actually see the League title walking away from the Rifles camp was something of which I never dreamed. With a lead of four clear points before their matches against the Seaford Highlanders and Club de Recreio, everyone, including the Chinese players and their supporters, were more or less resigned to the fact that the Championship was tied up in a bag for the Rifles.

Is the League lost to the Rifles? Not by a long shot. They can win all their remaining games. The question arises, however, will the Chinese drop any points in their future matches?



STARTING TIMES FOR FANLING

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling next Sunday:

OLD COURSE	
9.20 a.m.	G. A. Leiper, Willson.
9.24 "	E. L. Groome, R. A. McKenny.
9.28 "	G. T. May, D. J. Keogh.
9.32 "	A. Murdoch, W. J. Waddington.
9.36 "	D. M. Biggar, F. Groves.
9.40 "	N. P. Fox, T. Low.
9.44 "	L. P. Tamworth, T. R. Chassels.
9.48 "	W. Hewitt, H. N. Williamson.
9.52 "	S. A. Sleep, H. A. Browning.
9.56 "	W. N. A. Smalley, J. Harrop.
10.00 "	G. C. Worrall, R. K. Valentine.
10.04 "	L. M. S. Lloyd, A. C. I. Bowker.
10.08 "	C. G. Agnew, J. H. M. Andrew.
10.12 "	D. J. Gilmore, H. H. Pethick.
10.16 "	L. H. Geare, K. K. Bounds.
10.20 "	R. C. Webb, J. C. Dunbar.
10.24 "	R. H. Griffith, P. L. Leefe.
10.28 "	W. J. S. Key, J. Forbes.
10.32 "	J. G. Campbell, C. Mycock.
10.36 "	W. J. E. Mackenzie, H. Overy.
10.40 "	C. C. Roberts, J. B. Mackie.
10.44 "	H. F. Sommers, D. D. Forbes.
11.32 "	D. W. MacEwen, Banks.
NEW COURSE	
9.40 a.m.	Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Low.
9.56 "	Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Harrop.
10.36 "	Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Overy.

CHAMPIONS VERSUS THE REST

TWO MATCHES FOR TO-MORROW

SEASON BROUGHT TO AN END

The Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Association will bring their season to a close to-morrow when the Champions—senior and junior—versus the Rest games will be held on the Y.M.C.A. ground at King's Park, commencing at 3 p.m. and 4.15 p.m.

The first match will be between the Central British School "A" team, winners of the Brawn Cup, and a junior Rest Eleven, and the second between the "Y" Ladies, winners of the Caer Clark Cup, and a senior Rest Eleven.

The following are the representative teams.

Senior Rest XI to meet the "Y" Ladies:

Mrs. Rose (St. Andrew's); Miss E. Gray (H.K.L.H.C.) and Miss J. Smalley (H.K.L.H.C.); Miss I. Woolley (C.B.A.), Miss J. Wong (St. Andrew's) and Miss K. Glover (H.K.L.H.C.); Miss F. Wong (St. Andrew's), Miss W. Marsh (H.K.L.H.C.), Mrs. Donald (H.K.L.H.C.), Miss P. Gittins (St. Andrew's) and Miss D. Hunt (C.B.A.).



The sterling jumper Delanceige, above, owned by J. B. Snow, which was one of 12 American-owned horses entered in the running of the 1937 Grand National steeplechase at Aintree, which takes place to-day.

Junior Rest team to meet the Brawn Cup champions:

Miss Hall (D.G.S.); Mrs. Ratcliffe (R.U.R.) and Miss Parsons (C.B.A.); Miss Dodd (D.G.S.); Mrs. Hole (R.U.R.) and Mrs. Wigham (R.W.F.); Mrs. Weir (H.K.L.H.C.), Mrs. Campbell (R.U.R.), Miss E. Hamon (R.U.R.), Miss M. Smalley (H. K. L. H. C.) and Miss Bockler (C.B.S.). Reserves:—Mrs. Dornay, Mrs. Price and Miss Churn.

THREE BOWLS DIVISIONS THIS COMING SEASON PROMOTION AND RELEGATION TO BE COMPULSORY

THE DECISIONS THAT THERE BE THREE DIVISIONS OF THE LEAGUE THIS SEASON, THAT NO CLUB WILL START WITH MORE THAN ONE TEAM IN ANY DIVISION, AND THAT PROMOTION AND RELEGATION FROM ONE DIVISION TO ANOTHER BE COMPULSORY, WERE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION, HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE "SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST" YESTERDAY, AND PRESIDED OVER BY MR. C. J. TACCHI, THE PRESIDENT.

It was announced that the Kowloon Football Club and the Kowloon Tong Club would be entering teams in the League this season, while the Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club would not be participating.

The recommendation that the games in the different championship competitions be played on one green, instead of several greens, on the same afternoon as a previous years, met with unanimous approval, thus enabling followers of the game to witness more than one game at a time.

WANSTEAD CONDITIONS

Mr. B. W. Bradbury, captain of the Hong Kong team at Wanstead, appealed for better arrangements be made in connection with these games in future, and related the difficulties he had to contend with last year.

Mr. A. F. Paul was appointed secretary and captain of this season's team, and it was stated that no less than 17 names had been received from those who would be at Home during the games.

The usual grant of \$50 was made to the Children Playgrounds Association.

The Hon. Secretary informed the meeting that he had received information to the effect that members of the Australian Bowling Association would probably be visiting Hong Kong this year. It was decided that when they do

come, arrangements for a series of games be made and that they be entertained on the same lines as the Shanghai Interport team.

USE OF GREENS

The chairman informed the meeting that he had been approached to find whether Clubs would be agreeable to extend to bona-fide visitors of the Colony the use of their greens. Any expenses incurred thereby would be collected through the Hong Kong Travel Association.

Before the meeting closed the Chairman read a letter from Mr. H. H. Rose, of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, suggesting that the services of a surveyor be obtained to report on certain grounds that were not suitable for play. This letter brought forth some very pointed remarks from Mr. W. Bradbury, as he considered it directed at the Craigengower Cricket Club. After several other members had discussed the subject, it was found that as the suggestion did not come from a Club, it was dropped.

NEW OFFICERS

The following were the officials elected for the ensuing year:—

President:—Mr. E. Bass. Vice-President:—Mr. A. Hyde.

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Hon. Secretary:—Mr. C. B. Hosking.

VITAL BADMINTON ENCOUNTER

'Varsity "A" Will Meet Recreio "A" For Championship

The championship of the Men's Doubles Badminton League will be decided at the Eu Tong Sen Gymnasium this evening, when Club de Recreio "A" encounter the University "A" in their return fixture.

It will be recalled that when these two teams, which are incidentally the strongest in the Colony, last met at King's Park, Recreio "A" were sensationally beaten by 7 games to 2.

YARSITY SHOULD WIN

By their display on that occasion, the undergraduates demonstrated that they would do even better when playing on their own court.

L. A. Carvalho, one of Recreio's best players, will not be playing this evening, as he has just recovered from an attack of malaria. This means that the visiting team will be much weaker.



KING'S HORSE JUBILEE MAKES VERY FINE DEBUT

Terrific Cheers Greet Winner

Liverpool, To-day.

Terrific cheers greeted His Majesty the King's turf win in the Molyneux Stakes for two-year-olds over five furlongs here yesterday, when Jubilee, running in the first race of its career won by a length from Sir Victor Sassoon's Lovell, with Major Bonsor's Valentine third, separated by a head.

Jubilee was sired by Mister Jinks, which was also the sire of last Wednesday's Lincolnshire Handicap winner, Marmaduke Jinks.

Starting as a 11 to 4 favourite, Jubilee was leading all the way and came under pressure when close to home, but held on to win



Jack Petersen, above, has again joined forces with his father, under whose management it was he won the British and Empire titles for the first time.

L. A. CARVALHO STAGES QUICK RECOVERY

WILL PLAY NEXT WEEK

(By "ADREM")

I learned with great pleasure yesterday that L. A. Carvalho, who has been laid up with an attack of malaria, has now recovered and although feeling a little weak, he assures me that it is almost certain that he will be able to play badminton next week.

He is taking part in two matches, namely, the semi-final of the mixed doubles and the quarter-final of the men's doubles.

In the first event, in partnership with Miss Cynthia Silva, he will meet P. K. Hui and Miss U. Khoo and in the men's doubles he will partner A. M. Silva against P. H. Wong and C. E. Chng.

TROPHIES FOR LORD'S

A STUFFED sparrow and a cricket ball have been added to the collection of cricket trophies and relics that adorn the Long Room in the pavilion at Lord's. The ball, bowled by Jehangir Khan, the Cambridge University and India all-rounder, to T. N. Pearce, of Essex, killed the bird in its flight during the match between M.C.C. and Cambridge at Lord's last July.

a thrilling race from a field of 19 starters.

Jubilee was ridden by the King's new jockey, 21-year-old Jackie Crouch, who had recently returned from a successful season in India.

Everyone in the racing world, and outside, is highly delighted at H. M. the King's victory with the first horse he has entered in the flat racing season.—Reuter.



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Changes of ownership of property should be notified immediately to this Office.

R. M. HENDERSON,
Water Authority

Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 15th March, 1937.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 16th APRIL, 1937, at 2.55 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1936, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 29th MARCH to 16th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1937.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 16th APRIL, 1937, at 2.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1936, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 29th MARCH to 16th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1937.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 16th APRIL, 1937, at 2.50 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1936, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 29th MARCH to 16th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1937.



PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 22nd day of March, 1937, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Repulse Bay in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the purchaser will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, \$200.00 in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the purchase price.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 6th APRIL or they will not be recognized.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd MARCH at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

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- 53.—Marble Top Teak Dresser.
- 54.—Gate; eg Dining Table.
- 55.—Small Centre Table.
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ERS will be held in the Offices
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ing, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 22nd
March, 1937, at Noon for considera-
tion of the Directors' Report and
Statement of Accounts for the year
ending 31st December, 1936.

The SHARE REGISTER and
TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOS-
ED from 12th to 22nd March, 1937,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1937.

THE HONG KONG FIRE
INSURANCE COMPANY
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-EIGHTH ORDIN-
ARY GENERAL MEETING of
Shareholders will be held at the
Offices of the undersigned on
THURSDAY, the 25th March 1937,
at Noon, for the purpose of receiv-
ing the Report of the General
Managers, together with a state-
ment of Accounts for the year end-
ed the 31st December 1936.

The SHARE REGISTER and
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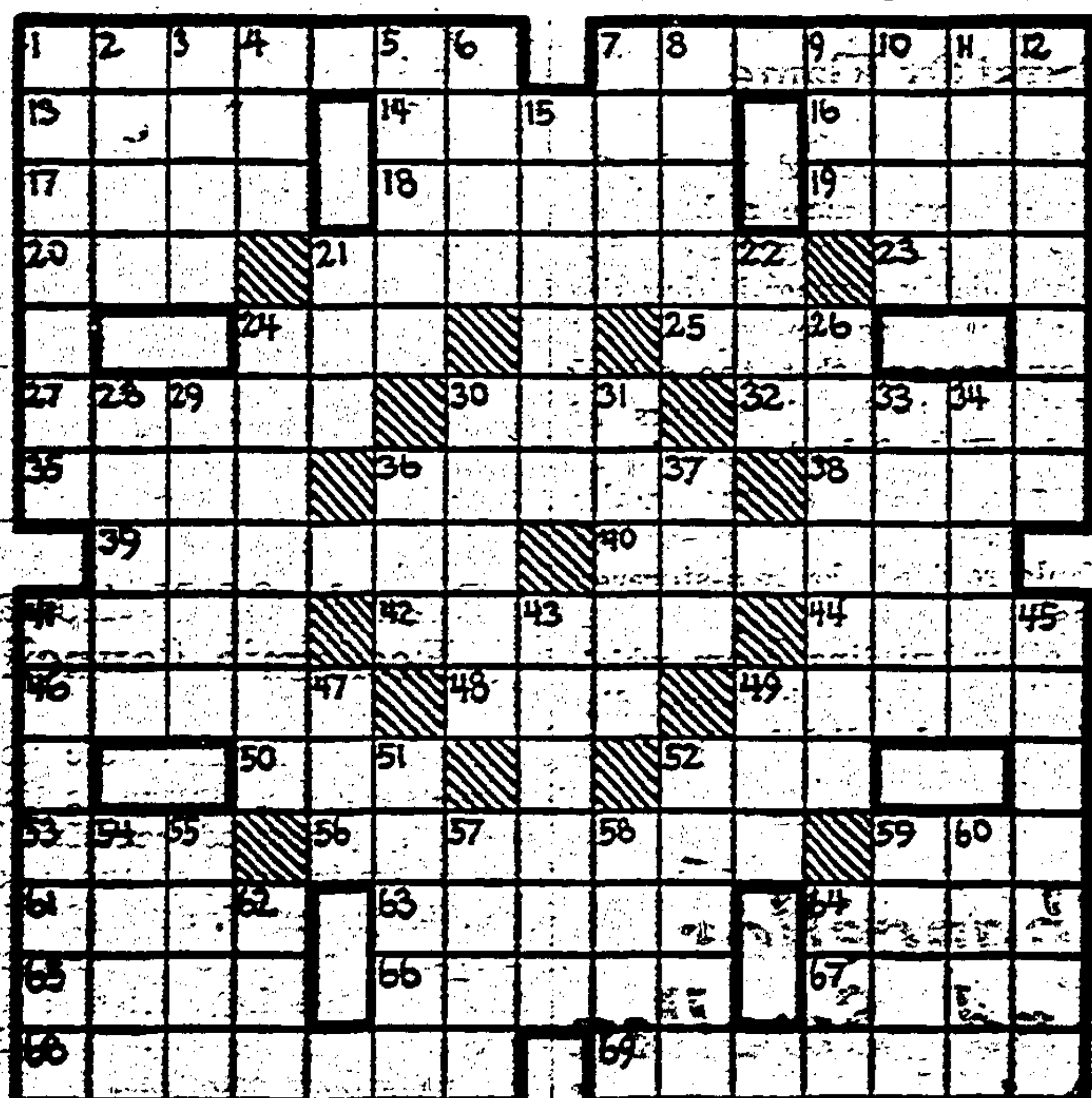
General Managers,

The Hong Kong Fire Insurance
Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, 5th March, 1937.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-world puzzle has been made by an expert
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1—Assure
- 7—Pertaining to Spain
- 12—Large lake
- 14—To bind again
- 16—Melody
- 17—Slow easy gallop
- 18—The positive voltaic pole
- 19—Harbor
- 20—A letter
- 21—Results
- 22—Sears
- 24—Noah's ship
- 25—Use needle and thread
- 27—To torment
- 30—Prefix. Turco
- 32—A Turk
- 35—Mankind (pl.)
- 36—Ship
- 38—Small children
- 39—Laborer
- 40—Agree to
- 41—Having length
- 42—Tilted up
- 44—Paras
- 46—Prophetic signs
- 48—Tricky
- 49—Happy
- 50—Parch

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 52—Oxford English Dictionary (abbr.)
- 53—Taste
- 54—Is indignant at
- 55—A constellation
- 57—Kind of cheese
- 58—To set again
- 64—Name of Greece
- 65—Widder
- 66—Plural of sets
- 67—Lance
- 68—Gabbled
- 69—A fatal event

VERTICAL

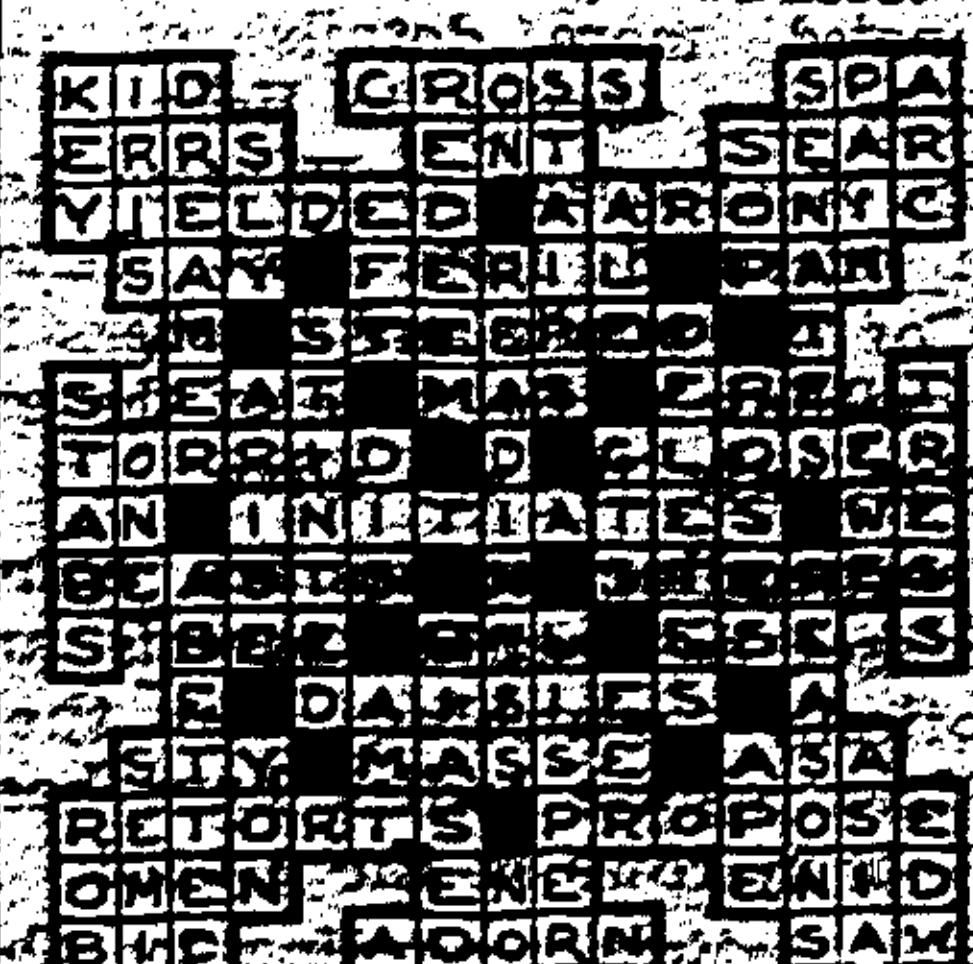
- 1—Musical instrument
- 2—Greek god of love
- 3—Tears
- 4—Golf mound
- 5—Candid
- 6—Japanese coin (pl.)
- 7—The lateral part
- 8—Looks closely
- 9—Dome
- 10—A metal
- 11—Father
- 12—Hat dealers
- 15—Spices

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 21—Exist
- 22—Adjust
- 24—Appoints
- 25—Ligated
- 28—Entomology (abbr.)
- 29—Make friends
- 30—A small party (pl.)
- 31—Country of Europe
- 33—Drumcard
- 34—Oil from rose petals
- 35—A beverage
- 37—Combining form. Outside
- 41—Slackest
- 43—Slackest
- 45—A succession of sovereigns
- 47—A title
- 48—Combining form. Middle
- 51—Brief
- 52—Fur-bearing animal
- 54—Opinion
- 55—Separate
- 57—Plant
- 58—Copper
- 59—To the abstruse side
- 60—Fruit skin
- 62—Joined
- 64—Unit of work

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle
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ACID THROWN AT M. DEGRELLE

Brussels, To-day.
Two missiles containing acid were thrown at the leader of the Belgian Rexist Party, M. Leon Degrelle, yesterday.
M. Degrelle was slightly injured.—Trans-Ocean.

MID-EUROPE POLITICS

SCHUSCHNIGG NOW IN BUDAPEST

ITALY'S POSITION

Budapest, To-day.
The Austrian Federal Chancellor, Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg, arrived here by plane on an official visit yesterday.

Immediately after his arrival Dr. Schuschnigg began political parleys with the Hungarian Premier, Dr. Kalman Daranyi, and the Foreign Minister, Dr. Koldan de Kanya.

Informed quarters declare that no definite programme has been prepared for the negotiations, since the visit is due to the initiative of the Austrian Chancellor, who expressed a wish to ascertain the official Hungarian attitude with regard to the changed international situation.

Points which led to the visit include the apparent shifting of Italian interests to the Mediterranean, Italy's definite opposition to the plan for restoration of the Hapsburgs in Austria and the impending conclusion of a pact of amity between Italy and Yugoslavia.

It is also declared that Hungary will continue to maintain close friendly relations with Germany and Italy and to co-operate with the signatories of the Rome Pact.—Trans-Ocean.

INDIAN DISPUTE

Three Alleged To Have Attacked One

Babu Singh, Rambia Singh and Atma Singh were this morning charged before Mr. W. Schofield with assaulting Guard Karan Singh, on Tuesday.

Defendants pleaded not guilty and the case was adjourned to April 6.

Sub-Inspector Baker said the first defendants were police guards and the third was unemployed. Babu Singh was the instigator of the trouble. He owed complainant \$15 for rations and refused to pay. The matter was reported to the Guard's office and when defendant went to get his pay he was told to see the Superintendent in the evening. He and the other defendants assaulted complainant. The complainant only left hospital this morning.

APPALLING PICTURE OF TEXAS CATASTROPHE

TYLER (TEXAS), TO-DAY.

OVER SIX HUNDRED CHILDREN ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED WHEN A SCHOOL BUILDING FIFTEEN MILES FROM HERE WAS ALMOST DESTROYED BY A BOILER EXPLOSION YESTERDAY.

THE TRAGEDY, ONE OF THE MOST HORRIBLE IN AMERICAN HISTORY, HAS SHOCKED THE WHOLE NATION.

DRAMATIC TELEPHONIC NOTIFICATION OF THE DISASTER WAS GIVEN BY THE AGITATED SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, WHO STATED THAT OVER 600 OF HIS CHARGES WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE MET THEIR DEATH.

TWO HOURS AFTER THE EXPLOSION, HOWEVER, RESCUE PARTIES OF OIL WORKERS HAD ONLY RECOVERED THE BODIES OF 135 CHILDREN AND TEN TEACHERS FROM THE SHATTERED DEBRIS OF THE SCHOOL-HOUSE.

"Children are dying all round," was the pathetic description of the ghastly scene given by employees of an oil company near the spot, many of them fathers of the children who perished in the disaster.

Fire fighters equipment, doctors and nurses are being rushed to the scene from surrounding towns.

It is believed that about 1,500 children were in the school at the time.

Gas Accumulation

The explosion, attributed to accumulation of gas in the boiler room, blew up the floor of the hall, which apparently collapsed immediately. The whole end of the school auditorium was torn out.

Most of the children were crushed underneath piles of masonry and rafters, and rescue workers were spurred on in their frenzied efforts by the agonising shrieks and moans of the trapped kiddies.

Terrific Blast

A few of the children appear to have been burned, while bricks of the building were thrown as far as a quarter of a mile away by the explosion, which was heard for miles around.

The victims of the disasters are all children of oil workers in the East Texas oilfield.

Only 100 Alive

As the earlier confusion is being dissipated more details of the tragedy are coming to light.

The oil company at Houston has been informed from East Texas that of 780 pupils and teachers in the building at the time of the explosion, only 100 are alive.

Heartrending scenes are being witnessed as frenzied parents are frantically searching for their children whose bodies have been laid out in rows on the ground.

The victims, according to the school superintendent, resembled

rag dolls with their clothes blown off.

Eye-witnesses say there was a low rumble and then a loud report.

Burst Of Flame

The building seemed to rise in the air and next came a burst of flames and the building fell in, apparently quickly extinguishing the flames at the same time.

It now appears that the school was divided into two buildings, of which the High School was almost entirely destroyed, as the walls were pushed out by the blast and the whole roof of the two-storeyed collapsed.

The other building, from which the pupils had already been dismissed, was only slightly damaged.

Chancellor And Swollen Prices

London, To-day.

The Chancellor of Exchequer was asked in the Commons whether he was aware that owing to the demands of the armament programme and the manipulations of speculators, the prices of iron, steel and non-ferrous metals were still rising.

He replied that the position was being carefully watched, but that the questioner attached an exaggerated importance to the demands of the armaments programme of Government.

These were only a part of the total British demand and that in turn was a small fraction of the world demand. The fundamental cause of the rise in the price of these commodities was neither armaments nor speculation, but rapid progress towards economic recovery over a large part of the world.

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Branch Of National Economic Council

The National Economic Council is to establish a Branch in Canton, and it is understood that Mr. T. V. Soong, Chairman of the Council, has already appointed Mr. Liang Han-cho, the present secretary-general of the Legislative Yuan, to take charge of the Branch.—From Our Own Correspondent.

B.B.C. EMPIRE PROGRAMME

London, To-day.

The B.B.C. announces that owing to modifications to plant at the Empire Station at Daventry, Transmission 2 will, from March 22, start at 12.55 instead of at 11.00 G.M.T. as normally. The full service will be restored at the earliest possible moment, probably towards the end of April.—British Wireless.

MR. WANG CHING-WEI

Nanking, To-day.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei returned to Nanking from Taiyuan by air at 1.40 p.m. yesterday.—From Our Own Correspondent.

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